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Confirmed to Sir Richard Grout Esq.
of Walton, in County Derby, England,
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A FAMILY AFFAIR

Concerning **Certain** Descendants

of

CAPTAIN JOHN GROUT

Who Came From England To New England
Early In The Seventeenth Century



Compiled by

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Dedicated to
MOTHERS



Clara Grout Billings



Carrie White Osgood

Preface

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The object of this book is to trace the straight line descent of two brothers. Joseph Grout who was born July 21, 1649; and Jonathan Grout who was born August 1, 1658; both sons of Captain John Grout who came to New England in 1630.

Two hundred years later, on May 6, 1858, Carrie Amelia Warner White, a descendant of Joseph Grout was born in Easton, Massachusetts. And on September 2nd of the same year, in Weathersfield, Vt. Clara Maria Grout, a descendant of Jonathan was born.

In 1882 Carrie White married George Dallas Osgood.

In 1885 Clara Grout married Albert Thomas Billings.

September 6, 1907, Joseph, son of George and Carrie Osgood, married Helen, daughter of Clara (Grout) and Albert Billings, thus uniting in the 8th generation the lines of the two brothers.

My compilation of the lines of descent of these two brothers from 1649 to 1952, contains nothing new. It gathers under one head the findings of earlier and more erudite historians than I. It is the story of those generations of the men and women of the Grout family who settled in New England amid turbulent beginnings, who endured unimaginable hardships and daily toil, to fulfill a dream of a great and free country for themselves, their children and their children's children, and in that vision they found no hardship too great.

When I began this work early in 1949, I had nothing from which to make a start. I knew of my mother Clara who died when I was eight years old; of my Grandfather Volney Grout; and vaguely I remembered hearing of a Grandfather Dan Grout. That was the sum total of my ancestral knowledge. I wanted to become a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, and with what little I had I went to work. It was difficult because it was new to me, but my papers were accepted in Washington, and I became one of that great society of women who symbolize our American freedom.

During that search the knowledge came to me that my Mother-in-law had obtained her D. A. R. membership through a Daniel Grout. Could it be possible that if I went back far enough I would find that Joseph and I had a common Grout ancestor? I redoubled my research efforts. I wrote many letters-- some were answered, some not. I spent hours in Fiske Library in Claremont, studying town histories. Miss Sarah Gilmore, with her

cheerful and willing staff contributed generously to my effort by sending to other Libraries for books not available here.

Town Clerk, Reference Librarians and Selectmen of many towns and cities came to my aid in finding information from their records, and I found that it was the busiest people who were the most eager to help me along. I mention a Mr. Forest Bradshaw of Sudbury, Massachusetts, who was responsive to a marked degree in his patience and courtesy during an extensive correspondence.

My cousin, Dorothy (Grout) Stiles awakened my first interest in the D. A. R. and she has always shown much interest in my research, sharing with me each new discovery along the way. Our visits together during these years have been very "Grouty".

Marshall Grout, that GRAND OLD MAN of the present generation of Grout's, has drawn upon his memory, been lavish with his praise, always urging me on with complete confidence in my ability to finish the job.

A very great deal of credit for the second part of this record should go to the private papers, so meticulously kept, of my Mother-in-law Carrie White Osgood.

And my good husband, who has so cheerfully and without complaint, borne with my absorption during these long months of study. Without his constant support and encouragement, I might not have kept on when disheartened by indifference and lack of interest, and when baffled by confusing, conflicting records of those who vanished into the annals of the past and could not be found again.

I regret, that in some cases most persistent inquiry through correspondence, has failed to elicit the desired information.

To all who answered my letters, and some came from across the country, urging me on; and to all those who aided me in any way, I here express my grateful thanks.

As I have travelled down the pages of three hundred years of history, my first interest has grown into a great pride that we are descended, Joseph and I, our children and our grandchildren, from Captain John Grout, and from those subsequent fearless men and women whose courage, toil and initiative played such an important role in those early days of our beautiful New England.

To quote Rev. Abner Morse—

"What office of affection can be more useful than the recovery of genealogy and the transmission of it to kindred and posterity."

Where the sources of information have been utilized in their original form, such passages have been suitably marked. In

many cases the references set forth are intended for those who may wish to explore the particular circumstance more fully.

In all cases I give full credit and appreciation to those early historians without whom this work would have been impossible.

I have endeavored to present this compilation in a form convenient and easily readable to those involved with the Grout Family, and any others who may be interested.

H. S. B. O.

CAPTAIN JOHN GROUT m. SARAH (BUSBY) CAKEBREAD

Jonathan, b. 1658 m. 1701, Abigail Dix	1	Joseph, b. 1649 m. 1680, Susannah Hagar
John, b. 1704 m. 1727, Johannah Boynton	2	Joseph, b. 1682-3 m. 1716, Mary Rogers
Hilkiah, b. 1728 m. 1750, Submit Hawkes	3	Daniel, b. 1736-7 m. 1762, Elizabeth Adams
Oliver, b. 1769 m. 1792, Polly Morse	4	Lucy, b. 1770 m. 1793, Edward Slader
Dan, b. 1793 m. 1819, Lucy Whitney	5	Lucy Slader, b. 1798 m. 1823, Nathaniel Warner
Volney, b. 1828 m. 1852, Martha French	6	Pamelia Warner b. 1824 m. 1850, Rev. Lyman White
Clara, b. 1858 m. 1885, Albert Billings	7	Carrie White, b. 1858 m. 1882, George Osgood
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A FAMILY AFFAIR

John Grout, the ancestor of the Grout family in America, was born in England in 1615. This is according to his own deposition, April 6, 1652, his age then being 37 years. He was the son of Sir Richard Groutt Esq. of Walton, County Derby, England. In 1587, in the 29th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Richard Groutt was knighted, and given the title of Sir Richard Grout, Esq., and was certified to be a descendant of an ancient and honorable family of that name in the west of England. Such a reference to his family, in the 16th Century, implied an elevated standing. In MORSES GENEALOGIES OF CERTAIN PURITAN FAMILIES Vol. 1, may be found an extensive treatise on the origin of the family name which he traces through many changes, and many countries from before the Christian era to the present day. On page 35, he says - "Grout is not a Welsh name, nor is it Irish or Scotch, and England is not regarded as its birth place." The family is supposed to have settled in Cornwall during the reign of Henry II, 1154-89, and to have originated in Germany, where they bore the name of Grotius or Groot, Grote, Gross, Gros or Graus, and who are believed to be the descendants of the Grudii, or the Great, of whom Caesar speaks as among the daring tribes of Belgic Gaul upwards of fifty years previous to the Christian era. In Central Germany it became GROTE, from whence about 1740 came the distinguished Grote's of London, one of whom is presumed to be the author of that masterpiece of historical literature — "THE HISTORY OF GREECE".

Such of the Grudii as were forced to take the Roman yoke, were suffered to occupy their country in Flanders, and reported later as "DE GROUDE". De was placed before the name to denote one of the Grudii.

The name is clearly of continental origin and the question arises - how came it in England from whence it afterwards came to this country? Mr. Morse says it was supposed to have been brought over by the Flemish weavers in the reign of Henry II, 1548: and after saying in a note, that JOSIAH GROTE'S house was probably built on the northern extremity of Scotland by a JOHN DE GROOT, a fisherman from Holland; and after speaking of WILL GROTE, senior, as being in Parliament from Cornwall in 1513 in The House of Lords of which Parliament was then constituted, the King being an acting member; and after referring to the knighting of RICHARD GROUTT of Walton, in the County of Derby in 1587; and to SIR JOSEPH GROUT of Hackney, County of Middlesex; and of GEORGE GROUTE, late

member of Parliament for London, as ALL being variations of the same name; he then gives the result of his researches that "Captain John Grout of Watertown and Sudbury, 1640, from whom the NEW ENGLAND GROUT'S are descended, and his brother, William Grout of Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1665, who afterwards settled in New Jersey, were the sons of Sir Richard Groutt" above referred to; and in support of this view he gives, among other things, the following reasons. First: That the Arms conferred to Sir Richard Groutt Esq., of Walton in the County of Derby, the 28th of May, 1587, and in the 29th year of the reign of Elizabeth, namely - "Azure on a bend Or; between two mullets argent; three leopard faces gules", have been in the family from the first generation who arrived in New England; and have descended with the gun that was brought over by Captain John Grout of Sudbury, from Captain John to his son Jonathan, the inheritor of his homestead and executor of his will, who then left them to his widow, who left them to her only surviving son, John Esq., then of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, who in turn left the gun to his son Hilkiah, and the Arms to another son, from whom Col. Jonathan Grout of Petersham, Mass. obtained them after expressing fears that they were lost, and offering a nephew in New Hampshire a reward for them.

The gun is now in the possession of John Grout of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, the 10th generation of Grouts in New England.

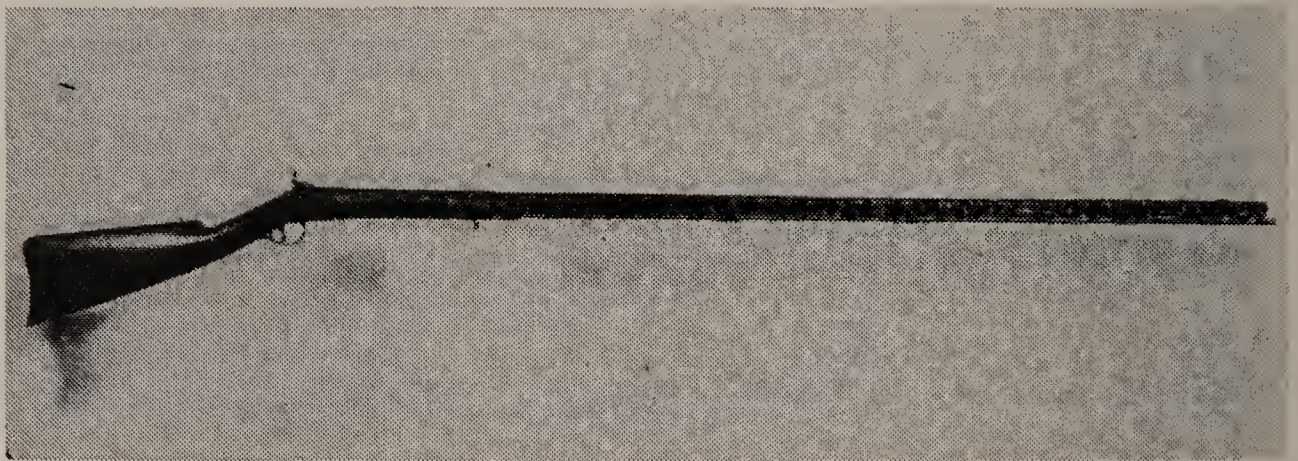
Its progress of possession was from father to son - Hilkiah to Oliver: Oliver to Dan: Dan to Henry: Henry to Marshall: Marshall to Ralph: Ralph to the present John Grout of 1952.

Of the arrival of the Grout's in America, no record is supposed to exist. John was "of Watertown in 1640", and William "of Charlestown in 1665" - so state the old records. These dates do not determine the time of their arrival. A tradition has descended in the line of descendants, with a copy of his will, that a father by the name of Grout, with two sons, fled to this country from Wales or the borders of Wales, i, e, Cornwall, upon the breaking out of the plague epidemic, and died soon after his arrival in America, leaving two sons in their minority, with claims to an estate in England which was never prosecuted.

From this it has been calculated that they came in 1634 when the son John was 17 or 18 years of age, and William perhaps older. Where, and with whom, these orphans completed their minority is not certain. When John was 68, he testified under oath, May

14, 1684, before Governor Simon Bradstreet, - Samuel Sewall, assistant, that he had been closely associated with Governor Winthrop, and his deposition at that time, attentively considered, renders it probable that John was either taken into the family of Governor Winthrop, or resided with a neighbor, where he attracted the attention and secured the confidence of the Governor and his family. It also shows for what trust of difficulty and danger he was early qualified.

(Ref. for above - p. 15 of *GROUT AND ALLIED FAMILIES* by Elizabeth Boice Jones, pub. by George Whittemore Grout, Waterloo, Iowa, 1922.)



John Grout is recorded as coming "with his gun in his hand" and settled first at Watertown about 1640. Here he purchased a homestead of 13 acres, and seven other lots, and here, he and his first wife, Mary, settled. His lot was west of the Common, on which a Meeting-House had been erected, and near the center of the present township. His homestead was bounded on three sides by highways, and west by land of John Bernard. It was land originally granted to Ensign Cakebread. It is supposed to have been at the corner of Mount Auburn and School streets. Here, his children by Mary were born; John, b. the 8th of August, 1641, and a daughter, Mary, born about 1642. Possibly the wife, Mary, died in childbirth, as John Grout's second marriage took place in 1643. It is recorded that Mary, the daughter, died August 1, 1661.

The son John died in 1707. He lived for a time in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and for his first wife he took his stepmother's daughter, Mary Cakebread. There seems to be no record of children by this first marriage. He was married again, April 15, 1667, to Rebecca Toll, daughter of Catherine and John Toll who settled on the Sudbury Plantation about 1638-39. As all male Toll issue died, the family name was not continued.

John Toll died November 4, 1690; Catherine died Feb. 21, 1675. Rebecca, b. May 5, 1646, was their 3d child.

(ref. *Sudbury Vital Records* p. 327)

John and Rebecca had eight children—

Sarah . . . b. January 21, 1668
 Rebecca . . . b. June 4, 1670
 Elizabeth . . . b. November 8, 1673
 Abigail . . . b. June 19, 1676
 Joan . . . b. July 5, 1682 - d. February 14, 1683
 John . . . b. 1684 - "d. young"
 John . . . b. March 15, 1685 - 8j
 Edward . . . b. June 6, 1688

A detailed record of them and their descendants is in Vol. IV of GENEALOGY OF NEW ENGLAND by William Richard Cutter A. M. Corresponding Secretary and Historian of the NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY. This volume was published in 1914.

An error in CUNNINGHAM'S HISTORY OF LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS, records Rebecca as CAPTAIN JOHN'S wife, instead of his daughter-in-law.

John died in 1707, and Rebecca September 10, 1721.

Because Watertown grew so rapidly both in strength and importance, groups started out to found new settlements farther west and north. In 1637 or '38, it was proposed that a company start westerly and settle at what is now Sudbury. Most of the names of those early settlers have been preserved, and are repeatedly given in connection with land division prior to the close of 1640. Leaving his little family in Watertown, John Grout struck out with this group to help found the new settlement, and among those whose names are found at the Sudbury Plantation soon after it was formed, 1638—'39, is the name of John Grout, and we find where "Ashen Swamp Meadow was let out to Ensign John Grout for three shillings, to be paid — half in wheat, the other half in Indian corn."

After the death of his first wife, Mary, he evidently took up a new and permanent home on the Sudbury Plantation. In 1643 he married Sarah Cakebread, born in England, the daughter of Nicholas and Bridget Busby who settled in Watertown, where Nicholas was a Selectman from 1640 to 1644. Nicholas died in Boston, August 28, 1657; Bridget died about 1660-'61. Sarah was the widow of the renowned Captain Thomas Cakebread, who erected the first mill in Sudbury, for which the town granted him land. By this marriage, Captain John Grout came into possess-

ion of more lots in Watertown, and on the death of Nicholas Busby, he received, May 26, 1659, a deed of "housing and lands" in Watertown, valued at sixtyfive pounds' also ten pounds for his daughter, Sarah, for which he gave the executrix, widow Bridget Busby, his receipt. (Nicholas Busby, in his will, spoke of "my sonne, John Grout"). About 1643, without disposing of his estate in Watertown, he built a home in that part of the town now called Wayland, on the north side of the road, nearly opposite the home of the late Widow Hayward. He became one of the principal proprietors and citizens of the town. The first year he received a grant of Cranberry Swamp. About the same time he came into possession of the Cakebread mill, and was allowed by the town to "pen water for the use of the mill" on land adjacent to the stream above. An important road laid out in 1648 was "The Old Connecticut Path". A record states- "Edmund Rice . . . and John Grout are appointed to lay out a way from Watertown 'bound' to the Dunster farm." Colonial Records p. 97 - records that "in 1665 he was chosen one of the Commissioners to hear, issue and end small causes in Sudbury according to law, not exceeding 40 shillings."

As the old records are studied, one becomes increasingly impressed with the fact that this first ancestor was a man of large influence for his time. He was in command of the militia of Sudbury when that town was attacked by some 500 Indians on the morning of April 21, 1666. Note: - Historians did not agree on the above date. The matter was considered so important that a committee was appointed to examine evidence on the subject. The committee (Kidder and Underwood) gave a verdict of April 21, 1666 as the authentic date of the Sudbury Fight.

"The Indians were repulsed by the inhabitants under Ensign Grout" and driven beyond the Concord river, but not until several houses were burned." Rev. Abner Morse quotes from an old record - "Ensign Grout was courageous in repelling these attacks". After the Sudbury affair he received special mention by the General Court for meritorious service. It was after the Sudbury Fight that he was made Captain, the rank in the Colonies that corresponded to that of knighthood in England.

On p. 140 of Vol. 1 of MORSES GENEALOGIES OF CERTAIN PURITAN FAMILIES, Mr. Morse says - "Captain John Grout, like a legitimate son of an English Knight was of military turn . . . rendering services worthy of grateful commemoration."

Note: SUDBURY, WAYLAND AND MAYNARD by Alfred Sereno Hudson, p. 14, gives a detailed account of the Sudbury Fight.

It is easy to think of those early settlers as patriarchs, gray bearded, bald, and nearing the close of their earthly pilgrimage; but actually, they were young men, or in the prime of stirring manhood. Probably a quarter to half a century passed before there was a generation of old men in the Town of Sudbury.

In 1642, Captain John Grout was chosen as one of a committee to journey to Boston to meet with Tacomus, an Indian Sagamore Chief man of the Indians at Chapnacunco. Tacomus gave them possession of land in his county, Nipmucks. He bade his sons to kneel down, and in succession, the eldest to the youngest, he made the print of his heel upon their backs, as a sign that he and his relinquished all claim upon these lands.

Besides the care of the militia of Sudbury for nearly forty years, Captain John served the town for thirty years as Selectman, and seven years as Town Clerk, and from the frequency of his appearance as a witness on various trials before the Court of Sessions, it is evident that his testimony was highly valued.

He organized the Sudbury Train-Band, taking command for forty years, and retaining it until disqualified by age. These train-bands originated in London and the counties of England during the 16th Century. They were composed of citizens organized into groups and trained as home soldiers. During the French and Indian wars every man became a soldier and every house a garrison. The able bodied men from sixteen to fifty years of age, constituted a "train-band", those from fifty to sixty years old, an "alarm-band". One for active and continued service as needed, the other for sudden emergencies.

October 7, 1662, in response to a petition circulated by the people of Sudbury. Captain John was granted permission by the Court of Sessions to "practice the mystery Chirurgery" (surgery) which attests to his intelligence and culture, and after that date, some of the old records speak of him as "Dr. John Grout".

GENEALOGIES VOL. 2, by Annette Leghtmen states that "The Grout family was famous in Europe . . . and that few families in America have furnished so many men of outstanding ability, as that of Captain John Grout."

His recorded Military record follows- (copy)

Grout, John (Captain) 1619 - 1697

Sergt. 1643, Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Ensign, 1667, Commanding Sudbury Forces
defending the town.

Captain, 1666, Sudbury Militia in the Sudbury
Fight

Of Captain John's brother William less is known. He is supposed to have been a mariner, and if he was the elder brother, he might be the "Captain Growt" referred to in a letter from England in 1640, to a Mr. Samuel Maveric, as being expected in New England the next spring to pay a certain bond. He and his wife, Sarah, disappeared at Charlestown soon after the acquisition of New York and New Jersey, by the English, and are believed to have removed to New Jersey, where his family, still probably pronouncing their name GROOT, accepted from their neighbors the then revered name DEGROOT, and became absorbed by the Dutch, forgetting their English origin, but not, (in 1833) their certain relationship to the "GROOT'S of New England". William, or his son John, (named, no doubt, for Captain John) owned and entailed a splendid domain on Raritan River, upon which, the town of Bound Brook is built. From him a respectable branch of American DEGROOT'S have descended, who, no doubt, believe themselves to be of Dutch or French extraction.

The non-occurrence of the name RICHARD in the Grout family, either John's or William's, is probably due to the fact that it was a non-scriptural name, and therefore in the estimation of the early Puritans deserved exclusion.

The absence of middle names will be noted in these records. The people of Old and New England were generally satisfied with one baptismal name until the 18th Century. Men with middle names are rarely found previous to 1700.

In New England, the number of double Christian names was small prior to the Revolution, and did not become numerous until after 1800.

A true copy of a letter from the Town Clerk of Sudbury, Massachusetts, dated 8 April 1949.

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Town of Sudbury
Office of the Town Clerk
(seal)
Sudbury, Massachusetts
8 April 1949

Dear Mrs. Osgood:

I hereby quote the following information:
GROUT, Jonathan, s. of John and Sarah, Aug. 1, 1658.
M. R. (Page 61 -Sudbury Vital Records to 1850)

GROUT, Jonathan and Abigail Dix, m. Dec. 10, 1701.
(Page 208, Sudbury Vital Records to 1850)

John the son of Jonathan Grout and Abigail his wife was born
October 14, 1704. (Page 16, Book 4)

I certify that the above quotations are true copies, attest:

Forrest D. Bradshaw
Town Clerk

Stamped
Town
Seal

Note: The original letter, certified, is in my safety deposit box.
H. B. O.

PART ONE

JONATHAN GROUT
OF
SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
AND
HIS DESCENDANTS

GROUT, Jonathan.

son of Captain John and Sarah Grout

b. August 1, 1658.

Sudbury, Massachusetts.

d. April 19, 1730

m. December 10, 1701, Abigail Dix, b. March 15, 1676

d. November 29, 1753

Abigail was the daughter and 3rd child of John and Elizabeth (Barnard) Dix.

John Dix, b. September 4, 1640 was the son of Edward Dix who embarked at Gravesend, January 16, 1635, aged 19. Edward Dix is on the earliest list of proprietors of Watertown. He d. July 9, 1660.

Elizabeth Barnard was the 8th child of John and Phebe Barnard who embarked from England, April 10, 1634, on the Elizabeth of Ipswich, WM Andrews, Master. She m. John Dix January 7, 1670. They had 7 children.

The children of Jonathan and Abigail (Dix) Grout were—

Jonathan, b. February 9, 1702

d. 1748.

m. Hannah Hurd.

Josiah, b. February 15, 1703.

d. November 18, 1706.

John, b. October 14, 1704.

d. June 1771

m. Johannah Boynton (see next chapter)

Abigail, b. May 13, 1709. (recorded unmarried in 1753)

Sarah, b. July 11, 1711, "died young".

Patience, b. April 10, 1713. m. Richard Graves of Athol.

Peter, b. May 29, 1715.

d. 1742 "unmarried".

Jonathan, (2) son of Jonathan and Abigail.

b. February 9, 1702.

d. 1748, Worcester, Mass.

m. Hannah Hurd.

Jonathan and Hannah had three children, two daughters and one son—

Jonathan, (3) b. June 2, 1744. Inherited the paternal estate.

d. 1828

m. Anna Harrington

Jonathan (4) and Anna had two sons—

Jonathan and Frances. This Jonathan named HIS son John

William.

John William evidently inherited the Grout charm of manner and friendliness, and was familiarly known to all as "Willie". He was a Lieutenant and was killed in the Battle of Ball's Bluff in 1861.

Henry Stevenson Washburn, a life long friend, wrote the poem "The Vacant Chair" and dedicated it to the memory of his friend, Willie Grout. This poem, set to music by George F. Root, is familiar to many, and to all Grout descendants takes on a new meaning as we learn of its inception.

THE VACANT CHAIR

We shall meet but we shall miss him,
There will be one vacant chair;
We shall linger to caress him,
When we breathe our evening prayer.
When a year ago we gathered,
Joy was in his mild blue eye,
But a golden cord is severed,
And our hopes in ruin lie.

At our fireside sad and lonely,
Often will the bosom swell
At remembrance of the story
How our noble Willie fell;
How he strove to bear our banner
Thro' the thickest of the fight,
And uphold our country's honor,
In the strength of manhood's might.

True, they tell us wreaths of glory
Evermore will deck his brow,
But this soothe's the anguish only
Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now.
Sleep to-day, O early fallen,
In thy green and narrow bed,
Dirges from the pine and cypress
Mingle with the tears we shed.

In HISTORY OF SUDBURY by Alfred Sereno Hudson, pp. 432-433. Mr. Hudson speaks of the decline of the old families who, "after the year 1800, no longer bore the responsibility of town management, nor were their names alone prominent upon the records."

Not until the chapter on cemeteries, p. 569, is the Grout name again mentioned

JOHN GROUT

son of

JONATHAN and ABIGAIL [DIX] GROUT

3. GROUT, John. 3d son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dix) Grout.
 b. October 14, 1704, Sudbury, Massachusetts.
 d. June 1771, Jaffrey, New Hampshire.
 m. November 23, 1727, at Groton, Massachusetts, to Johannah Boynton of Rowley.

From the early records of the Town of Lunenburg, Massachusetts — p. 249 — “Mr. John Grout and Johannah Boynton, married ye November 23th, 1727.”

The Chronological lists of marriages in the records of the town of Groton repeat the Lunenburg record, while another entry gives their place of residence as “both of Turkey Hills”. From WHITNEY’S HISTORY OF WORCESTER COUNTY (1793) comes this information about Turkey Hills. “There is a hill in the middle of the town called Turkey Hill on account of the great number of wild turkeys which frequented the place in that day.” Rufus C. Torrey in his HISTORY OF FITCHBURG AND LUNENBURG says, in talking with several old residents he believes that not any one hill was called Turkey Hill, but that the name embraced all of the hills around, not only Lunenburg, but the loftier hills of Fitchburg as well.

In the Account of the General Courts Committee Proceedings written in 1720, it is called Hill - any other place it occurs, it is written Hills. What Indian name was given to this territory is not known, the first name applied to it by white men was Turkey Hill. The name is now entirely superseded, but--John and Johannah came from “Turkey Hills”.

Intensive search of Groton history gives no clue as to the reason John and Johannah chose that town for their place of marriage. Was it an elopement? Johannah was only 15 years of age.

They settled in Lunenburg, living not far from the center of the town. Many years later, their son Jonathan was to purchase 40,000 acres in the state of Vermont, and name it in honor of his natal place.

Rufus Torrey in his History is not at all kind to John; he says of him, p. 32, that “he had no fixed habitation, and probably never owned any real estate in Lunenburg. He was a speculating, movable being, and, if anything, a pettifogger by trade”. A

portion, at least of the statement is erroneous, (the remark about the real estate) as the old proprietor's records prove. As to the "pettifogger" charge, other entries give him the benefit of a "legal training", and that he was active in town affairs is shown by the following, for which we are indebted to Mr. Daniel P. McGuirl, Town Clerk of Lunenburg in 1949. Quoting from a letter from Mr. McGuirl - "He was Constable in 1733. Collector 1740. School Committee 1734-'37-'38-'42-'51. Town Treasurer 1740. Selectman 1733-'34-'40-'42-'43-'44-'45-'46-'48-'49-'53."

The importance of being a Selectman was very great in those days; in truth the "See-lect-man" was boss of the town. Under him served the fence viewers, pound keepers, hog reeves, surveyors, sealers, town clerks, bell ringers and constables who were all elected or dismissed by the Town Meeting once a year, generally in March.

The Selectmen had the authority to "warn out of town" all undesirable new residents. They also had the ever present question of what to do with the poor. The records are full of entries of some poor widow - "Dr. for porek, corn or malases" or "for victuals and cloathes." Some widows were farmed out at so many pounds a year, others, still young enough to be useful about a place, were actually sold to the highest bidder. Is it to be wondered at that almost any type of marriage, or remarriage, was preferable?

The Constable carried a "Black Staffe tip't with Brasse as a badge of his office which as he hath opportunity he shall take with him when he goeth to discharge any part of his office." *Ref: Zephine Humphrey*

We note that John was on the School Committee five times between 1734 and 1751. In 1734 he had four children of his own - in 1751 his family had increased to twelve children, he should have been an interested member of a school committee.

John and Johannah had fifteen children in all, only thirteen of whom were recorded, all born in Lunenburg. At some period between the birth of their last child in 1753, and 1758, they moved to Rindge, New Hampshire, and from there to Jaffrey, where new lands were being opened up.

The following is a true copy taken from p. 43 of THE PROPRIETOR'S RECORDS OF TOWN OF LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS.

(72) John Grout of.
Lunenburg March the 15th, 1732

Houfe

Lott

Survey for John Grout Houfe Lott No 83, the

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Contents of which is 53 acres and a quarter there being allowance in faid Lott for highway four rod wide Beginning at a pillar of ftones which is the fouth eaft corner and running weft 2 Deg fouth on Lott Number 84. 122 rod to Woborn Farm thence runing north 15 degrees weft on faid woborn line 82 rod to a pillar of ftones thence runing eaft one degree thirty minits fouth on Lott Number 82. 104 rod to a pillar of ftones thence runing fouth 29 degrees Eaft Chiefly on Lot Number twelve 83 rod to where it began.

Surveyed by Nathan Heywood and approved of by the Committee viz Jofiah Willard Benoni Boynton Hilkieah Boynton Nathan Heywood

Recorded april the 27th 1733

Edward Hartwell Clerk

(72)

Lunenburg June the 16th, 1729

meadow

Lot

Laid out to John Grout by the committee appointed five acres and ten rod of meadow belonging to the right No 83. It lyeth foutherly from Col. Tayers meadow Lott. Beginning at a pillar of ftones and runing fouth one Degree fifteen minits Eaft thirty rod to a maple bufh there making an angle and runing Eaft one Degree fifteen minits north twenty feven rod to a pillar of ftones. there making an angle and Runing North one Degree fifteen minits weft thirty rod there making an angle and Runing Weft one degree fifteen minits fouth twenty feven rod to where it began.

furvayed by nathan heywood and approved by the committee viz Jofiah Willard Edward Hartwell and Jonathan Willard.

Recorded September the Fifth Day in the year of our Lord one thoufand feven hundred and thirty.

Edward Hartwell Clerk

John Grout has the historical honor of being the first settler in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, taking up Lott 20, Range 10. In connection with one Roger Gilmore he made the first report on the progress of the settlement of Jaffrey to the Masonian Proprietors at Portsmouth, N. H.

The Masonian Proprietors were residents of Portsmouth and vicinity, twelve in number, who purchased of John Tufton Mason, for 1500 pounds, his right and title to a tract of land lying in New Hampshire. Traced through the Right in the Crown of Great Britian by Discovery; the grant of King James 1 to the Council of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, in England; a devise by

him to his great grand-son, Robert Tufton, who took the name of Mason; thence as an entailed estate, through several descents, to his great grand-son, John Tufton Mason; and after a recovery, his conveyance in 1746 to Theodore Atkinson and eleven other persons. Nine additional members were afterwards admitted and the shares increased to eighteen. These became known as the "Masonian Proprietors".

This tract of land is described as "extending from the middle of the Piscataqua river, up the same to the fartherest head thereof, and from thence north westward until sixty miles from the mouth of the harbor were finished; also, through Merrimac river to the fartherest head thereof, and so forward up into the land westward until sixty miles were finished, and from thence overland to the end of sixty miles accounted from the Piscataqua river, together with all lands within five leagues of the coast."

The Proprietors in conveying this land made conditions respecting clearing, building and settlement, to be performed within certain specified times by the grantees, a condition that a good, convenient meeting house should be built, as near the center as might be with convenience, within six years from date, and ten acres of land reserved for public use; another, that the grantees, or their assignees, by a major vote in a public meeting, should grant and assess such further sums as they should think necessary for carrying forward the settlement, with provision for the sale of so much of any delinquent's right as should be necessary for the payment of the tax, by a committee appointed for that purpose; and a further provision, that if any of the grantees should neglect or refuse to perform any of the articles, he should forfeit his share and right to those of the grantees who should have complied on their part, with power to enter upon the right of the delinquent owner, and oust him, provided they should perform his duty as he should have done, within a year.

There were provisions by which the grantors undertook to defend the title, to a certain extent.

We are interested in these conditions and provisions only as matters of history, serving to show the measures taken by the Masonian Proprietors to secure the settlement of the townships which they granted.

It seems probable that none of the conditions were strictly complied with. They could not well be at that time. But so long as there were attempts, in good faith, to make settlements, it was not for the interest of the grantors to enforce forfeitures. Their shares became more valuable as the others were improved, and the enforcement of forfeiture, when there were attempts to

perform, would have injured themselves.

Grants of township by the Governor and Council, outside of the limits of the Masonian Proprietors, some times contained provisions giving shares to the Church of England, to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, with a large share for His Excellency personally.

Ref: HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE by Daniel B. Cutter, M. D.

In Mr. Cutter's History we read on the list of the first settlers in the Town of Jaffrey - "8th on the eighth draught— Family Grout". And again, "Settlers that abide constantly etc and on settling rights" — and "47th,— A constant settler, no house, Grout." On p. 32, 1758 he is recorded as a "permanent settler", and later recorded as having "acquired large holdings of land."

(Again we contradict Rufus Torrey)

John Grout died in June of 1771, two years before the incorporation of the town he had helped to settle, and is buried according to history, where the Meeting House was built in 1775. This Meeting House is in fine condition today, (1952) behind it is the long row of old horse sheds, and the cemetery filled with black slate markers. With the death of John Grout, the family passed from community records of Jaffrey. In the earliest list of tax payers recorded (1793), and in the census of 1873 there is no Grout name, and there is nothing in the study of the later lives of the children of John and Johannah that would indicate any Jaffrey residence. With his death too, Johannah is lost from the records, the date and place of her death, as this book goes to press, has not been located.



Johannah's Family

The Boynton's

The BOYNTON'S of America are descended from an ancient and honorable English family whose lineage has been traced through many generations to the time of William the Conqueror, to one Bartholomew de Boynton who was seized of the Manor House of Boynton in the eastern part of Yorkshire in 1067.

The New England lines of the family are descended from two brothers, John and William, descendants of the Boynton's of East Heslerton and Wintringham, England, who came to this country in 1638 and settled in Rowley, Massachusetts. William on 1½ acre house lot on Bradford street, and John on the next lot, No 1643. William was 56 years old in 1662; he brought with him to Rowley his wife Elizabeth. He was a school master in Rowley for a long time, probably the first person employed as such. It is recorded that at a legal meeting of the town of Rowley, held 16th of January 1673, it was agreed and voted that "Wm Boynton should have two pounds twelve shillings for his service to the town in ringing the metting hous bell and sweeping the metting hous." He died in Ipswich, the 8th of December 1686. His widow died in Salisbury, in 1687. They had seven children born in Rowley—John - Elizabeth - Zachary - Joshua - Mary - Caleb and Sarah.

(Copy of Vital Records on these children can be found at the Historical Building, Concord, New Hampshire.)

JOHN BOYNTON, in whom we are interested because he was Johannah's Great-Grandfather, married Ellen (or Ellenor) Pell of Boston. He was 56 years old when he died - he was buried the 16th of February 1670.

(His widow later married Deacon Maximilian Jewett)

John and Ellenor had seven children --

JOSEPH, John, Caleb, Mercy, Hannah, Sarah and Samuel. Of these children, our interest is in JOSEPH who was Johannah's grandfather.

b. 1645. - d. December 16, 1730.

May 13 1669 he married Sarah Swan, (daughter of Richard)

Sarah d. in Groton, Massachusetts, February 27, 1718.

Joseph and Sarah Boynton had ten children --

Joseph b. March 23, 1669

Sarah b. January 11, 1671

Ann b. August 14, 1673
 Richard b. November 11, 1675
 John b. April 9, 1678
 Jonathan b. February 25, 1679
 Benoni. b. February 25, 1681
 Jonathan b. August 1684
 HILKIAH b. November 19, 1687
 Daniel b. September 26, 1689
 HILKIAH m. February 2, 1708, Priscilla Jewett, daughter of
 Captain Joseph Jewett. About 1726 they moved to Winchendon,
 N. H. and later to Lunenburg, Mass. They had ten children. ---
 Jane b. November 19, 1709
 JOHANNAH b. August 17, 1712
 Hilkiash and Priscilla (twins) b. April 11, 1714 (One of the twins
 Hilkiash, d. April 28, 1714)
 Joseph b. December 4, 1717
 Sarah b. January 1, 1718
 Ruth bp. March 10, 1722
 Hilkiash and Mehetabel (twins) bp. August 8, 1725
 Hilkiash died September 15, 1725
 Mehetabel died September 24, 1725

Priscilla and Hilkiash Boynton's second child, Johannah married
 John Grout, November 23, 1727, when she was 15 years old.
 Many years later members of the Boynton family migrated to
 Weathersfield, Vermont, where they became one of the prominent
 families of the town, and there are Boynton's buried in the
 Weathersfield cemeteries.

Note: A Genealogy of the descendants of John and William Boynton, compiled by John Farnham Boynton and his wife Caroline (Harriman) Boynton, is to be found in the Public Library, Boston, Massachusetts.)

Children of John and Johannah

1. Hilkiash, b. July 23, 1728, Lunenburg, Massachusetts.
 d. December 19, 1795, Weathersfield, Vermont
 m. 1750, Submit Hawkes of Deerfield, Mass.
 Ch. Eleven

Major in French and Indian War

1st Major, Upper Regiment, 1776, Cumberland County
 Militia Officers

Captain of Military preparations at Perkinsville, Vt. 1775

Signed New York Association Test, December 21, 1775.

(Revolutionary Ancestor of line being traced)

2. Johannah, b. January 8, 1730

m.

Timothy Parker

3. John Jr. b. June 13, 1731, Lunenburg, Massachusetts.

m. October 22, 1750, Phebe Spafford married by
Rev. David Sterns of Lunenburg.

Ch. Eleven.

Phebe, b. March 21, 1751

Elijah, b. January 26, 1753

Susannah, b. December 12, 1754

Endymia, b. December 23, 1756

d. April 24, 1759

Theodore, b. August 23, 1759, recorded as "died young"

Endymia, b. August 5, 1761

John Butler, b. April 28, 1763

Ferdinand, bp. May 5, 1765

Theodore, bp. February 1, 1767

Fredricka, b. December 1, 1768

Margaret Bradstreet. b. April 10, 1771

HISTORY OF EASTERN VERMONT by A. H. Hall, pp. 650 to 657 gives a detailed account of life and activities of this John Jr., with a Fac Simile of his hand writing. It is extremely interesting reading. HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND by Hon. Gilbert A. Davis has much about this John Grout - Chapter 1, pp. 1 to 6. He died in Canada where he is supposed to have been murdered for money he was carrying. A convict, about to be executed, confessed to the murder, describing the place he had buried the body. Human bones were found at the spot designated.

4. Elijah, b. October 29, 1732

d. March 1807

m. July 17, 1757, Mary Williard of Charlestown, N. H.

b. February 13, 1734. d. 1786

m. (2) December 1786, Mrs. Abigail Hutchins
widow of Phineas Hutchins.

Ch. of Elijah and Mary, Eleven -

Amasa, b. March 26, 1759

Jonathan, b. April 24, 1760

Mary, b. October 23, 1761

Lettice, b. May 3, 1763

Sophia, b. February 6, 1765

Eusebia b. March 2, 1767

Theophilus, b. August 29, 1768

Dolly, b. October 12, 1770

Josiah (Gen.) b. June 9, 1772

Katie, b. October 6, 1774

Patty, b. June 1776, recorded as "d. young"

Elijah and Mary moved from Lunenburg, Massachusetts, to Charlestown, New Hampshire, in 1776, where he became an important and influential figure in the affairs of the town.

HISTORY OF CHARLESTOWN, THE OLD NO. 4, by Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, pp. 375 - 381 carries a record of his life and activities in Charlestown. Very much worth reading - interesting, entertaining and humorous.

After the death of his wife, Mary, he married Mrs. Abigail Hutchins, a widow with ten children to add to his own family of ten. Rev. Saunderson remarks that family gatherings in later years must have reminded him of the time when, as commissary, he made provision for the soldiers of Stark. He is recorded as "a good old man, brave, intelligent and far seeing, with all the qualities of a sterling man; his descendants may be proud in being able to trace their origin from such an ancestor."

pp. 688-689 of Saunderson's History gives the story of the courtship and marriage of Elijah's daughter, Sophia ("Sophy") to Enos Stevens Esq. of Barnet, Vermont. Henry Stevens, a son of Enos and Sophy, became the founder of The Vermont Historical Society, and few American Antiquarians have been more extensive in research.

A story that bears re-telling is told by Rev. Saunderson, of Elijah's second son (Jonathan) who was three times married. His first wife was Parthena Page. After her death - (so goes the story) - the situation and condition of his family was such that it was evident a wife and mother was needed, and the widows and marriagable ladies of the town began to show curiosity, and as he was a man in prosperous circumstances, even to inquire of him, "Major Grout, which one of us do you intend to take?" His reply was "wait until Thanksgiving time." When Thanksgiving finally arrived, he sent to every widow and spinster in town, a pumpkin and a pint of molasses for pumpkin pie. Apparently Mrs. Mary Prouty made the best pie, as she became his second wife.

After her death, he took to himself a third wife, Miss Lydia Putnam, whom he married, January 16, 1833. He announced the marriage himself, sending the following notice to the newspapers —

“Married in Charlestown, January 16,
Major Jonathan Grout, age 73 years, and
Miss Lydia Putnam, somewhat younger.”

He possessed the independence of his father, Elijah, and many of the idiosyncracies which appear to be inherent in the Grout race--humor rating largely. He died at 93.

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5. Joel (Hon.) 5th child of John and Johannah.
b. March 6, 1735
d. 1797
m. October 9 or November 3, 1756
Sarah Hudson of Petersham, Massachusetts,
who was b. May 15, 1739
d. 1820 at Stratton, Vermont.

They lived in Templeton, Massachusetts, and also in Gerry (now Phillipston) which he was instrumental in naming in honor of his friend, Eldridge Gerry. He was an officer in the American Army at the Battle of Bennington. In 1779 he was a member of the convention that framed the Constitution of Massachusetts and subsequently of the General Court. He moved to Richmond, N. H. where he died in 1797, at 62 years of age.

Joel and Sarah had twelve children.

6. Jonathan (Hon.) b. July 23, 1737, Lunenburg, Massachusetts
m. 1760, his cousin, Sarah Page, a
daughter of Governor Page of New
Hampshire.
d. September 8, 1807, while attending a suit
at Dover, N. H. where his monument may
be found.

Historians call this 6th child of John and Johannah “the most eminent of the family”. He was engaged in the French War, doubtless as an officer, left Crown Point September 22, 1760, and seems to have acted as a bearer of dispatches. After his marriage to his cousin Sarah, he settled in Petersham, Massachusetts, where he became a lawyer and the master spirit of the community, receiving every office which he would accept. His natural talents were of high order and he wrote with rare ability. In 1789 he was elected a member of the first Congress under the Federal Constitution. He is described as being a very handsome man, of medium height, fleshy and with a fair complexion. He engaged largely in land speculations, owning at one time 40,000 acres in Vermont and New Hampshire, including a township in Vermont to which he secured the name of Lunenburg, in honor of his natal

place, for years passing much of his time there. He accumulated and left a very large estate. He commanded a regiment at the siege of Boston, where he was the friend and advisor of George Washington and other leaders of that day. He was a member of the Cumberland Committee of Safety.

After his father's death in 1771 (at Jaffrey, N. H.) he was the son who settled the latter's estate. He died September 8, 1807, while attending a suit at Dover, New Hampshire, the Court immediately adjourning, in token of respect, upon the announcement of his death.

Brief mention should be made here of a grandson of the Hon. Joel and his wife Sarah, who also attained great respect and eminence. He was the first born son of their daughter Dolly, (George Grout Hapgood) b. February 11, 1804. His biography is given on p. 138 of Vol. 2 of THE DESCENDANTS OF SEVERAL ANCIENT PURITANS compiled by Rev. Abner Morse, A. M. published by H. W. Dutton and Son, Boston, 1859. George Grout Hapgood left important manuscripts to posterity - one of which, the discovery of the original alphabet and language of man, with the reasons for the shape, sense and sound of every letter, their variations, and their manner of combination to form words. This last was presented to the Smithsonian Institution in 1862. His photograph in the above mentioned book by Rev. Abner Morse, shows the Grout family resemblance.

Note: George Grout Hapgood, D. D. son of Ebenezer and Dolly (Grout) Hapgood. Grandson of Lydia (Bowker) and Seth Hapgood. Great grand-son of Damaris (Hutchins) and Captain Thomas Hapgood.

and

grandson of Sarah (Page) and Hon. Jonathan Grout, and great grand-son of Johannah (Boynton) and John Grout.

7. Sarah (7th child of John and Johannah)

b. November 28, 1738

d. October 27, 1817

m. November 8, 1757, at Petersham, Massachusetts, Captain Ephraim Stockwell who was b. at Sutton, New Hampshire, October 16, 1733. d. July 10, 1802 at Gerry. He served in the Army of Bennington July 28 to September 1, 1777.

Children of Sarah and Captain Ephraim, Ten.

8. Patience

b. August 23, 1740

m. William Judevine of Charlestown, N. H.
Children, Four.

9. Peter

b. October 9, 1743

Only record to be found - "went west, and was never heard from."

10. Abigail

b. March 23, 1745

m. January 28, 1766, Col. Nathan Hale, Rindge, N. H.

d. September 14, 1838, Chelsea, Vermont.

Abigail was a woman of strong character and intellect. Decided in her opinions and of great executive ability, she may be considered the original Woman's Suffrage advocate in America. Acting on the principle so ardently maintained in her day, that taxation without representation was tyranny, she refused to pay taxes which she considered unjustly assessed, was arrested and spent a month in jail. She married Col. Nathan Hale, of Rindge, N. H. a man of distinguished military record, who commanded a company at Bunker Hill, and died, a prisoner of war, on Long Island, at 37.

The Children of Abigail (Grout) and Col. Nathan Hale were -
Charlotte, b. December 30, 1766

Thomas, b. September 6, 1769

Nathan, b. July 1, 1771

A son, b. July 1773 - d. same day.

Eliphalet b. May 16, 1775

Polly, b. April 26, 1778

Harry, b. February 10, 1780

October 30, 1796, Abigail married Samuel Parker of Rindge, from whom she was soon divorced, then resuming the name of Hale. She died at the home of her son, Hon. Harry Hale of Chelsea, Vermont, at the age of 93 years, 5 months, 21 days.

Note: THE DESCENDANTS OF SEVERAL ANCIENT PURITANS Vol. 2, by Rev. Abner Morse, A. M. page 175, gives an outline of her character, written by her son Hon. Harry Hale Esq. There is also a copy of her photograph. Well worth the reading time, and found at Historical Rooms, Concord, New Hampshire.

11. Josiah

b. November 28, 1748

d. Unmarried. His estate was inventoried January 8, 1777.

12. Solomon

b. June 27, 1751

m. Ruth Putnam of Charlestown, N. H. who was
b. January 13, 1749, 3rd child of Ebenezer and
Mary Putnam.Solomon Grout and his descendants, in detail may be found in
NEW HAMPSHIRE A HISTORY p. 259, compiled by Hobart
Pillsbury.Also DESCENDANTS OF SEVERAL ANCIENT PURITANS
p. 181.

13. Jehoshaphat

b. August 12, 1753

d. September 6, 1806, Keene, New Hampshire

m. October 16, 1788, Anna Parker, daughter
of Isaac Parker Jr. b. 1753
d. August 9, 1810, Keene,N. H. Both buried in old Washington Street
Burying Ground, Lots 193 and 194, Keene, N. H.Jehoshaphat was one of the signers of the Association Test at
Rindge, N. H. in 1776. He is recorded as an extensive farmer,
but devoted much of his life to public service. He moved to
Charlestown, and later to Keene, where he served as Deputy
Sheriff and Deputy Marshall of the county, and was for fifteen
years in charge of the County Jail.

Two children were born to this marriage -

Sophia, b. May 10, 1789, Charlestown, New Hampshire

m. April 21, 1808, Phineas Cook, a lawyer at the time
of their marriage, but later a minister of the gospel
at Acworth and Lebanon, N. H.

Harry (Major) b. December 8, 1793

Rufus Torrey, who spoke so scathingly of John Grout in his
History (p. 32) should have followed the lives of the children of
John and Johannah."A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,
neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. . . .
Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew VII. 18-20

We who look back over the pages of History feel that the John and Johannah tree brought forth good fruit.

A brief glance into the distant past, that era when John and Johannah Grout lived and reared their large family of children, is given to us in a letter written by Mrs. Sarah (Lawrence) Evelyn, in 1873, when she was 80 years old. It is taken from HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF JAFFREY, by Daniel B. Cutter, M. D.

"The first settlers fared very hard, worked hard and their living was coarse and short. It consisted of bean porridge, indian bread, johnny cake and a few potatoes. Pies and cakes were a great luxury if they could get them, but they were like "angel's visits, few and far between." Their dress was made of coarse material, homespun and woven; ladies wore dresses of tow and linen, tight waist, skirt made of wool, open in front to the bottom, and pinned behind. They wore a dress skirt, short loose gown, wool hats, and sometimes sunbonnets such as would cause a smile in these good days. For church dress, they wore calico, called chintz, wore mostly leather shoes, some had velvet. For an over dress, if they had any, the ladies wore home made cloth, tho' some had silk. They wore skirts which came halfway from the knee to the ankle, called - long shorts or cut shorts.

The children, if they went to church at all, wore home made cloth with a handkerchief tied on their heads. In cold weather they wore a striped blanket over their shoulders. The men wore striped frocks and trousers cowhide boots, if they could get them, otherwise shoes with leggings in winter to keep out the snow. They had an over dress made of coarse wool cloth called - great-coats, which came down to their ankles.

Their buildings were mostly of logs, with a stone chimney at one end with a large fireplace, large enough to receive wood four feet in length. The cellar and attic, if they had any, was reached by a ladder. The seats were made of blocks of wood, and the table of a large log two or three feet long.

Their mode of travel was at first marked by trees, on foot and afterwards on sleds drawn by oxen. In winter they travelled on what they called snow shoes when the snow was deep. A man would take a woman behind him on the same shoes, she would take hold of his shoulders and step every time he did, and travel a mile or more that way. After awhile horses were used by those who were able to have them. By using a saddle and pillion, two could ride on the same horse. In this way they went to church, to funerals, to parties and to mill. Schools were taught in private dwellings. . . Cider was made by pounding apples in a wooden bowl, then pressing in a cheese press."

MAJOR HILKIAH GROUT

First Born Son

of

John and Johannah [[Boynton]] Grout

REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR
OF THE LINE BEING TRACED

A True Copy of the Birth Record of
Major Hilkihah Grout

State TOWN OF LUNENBURG
Seal Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 U. S. A.

I hereby certify that it appears by the records of births of said town, Book 1 - Page 161 - No 5 that - Hilkihah - son of John and Johannah Grout was born in said Lunenburg on the twenty-third day of July 1728 A. D.

Attest;

Daniel P. McGuirl, Town Clerk. *

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

*Note: Town Clerk of Lunenburg, 1949. Original in Safe Deposit Box.

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MILITARY RECORD

STATE OF VERMONT, ROLLS OF THE SOLDIERS IN
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, 1775 to 1783 Rutland, Vt.
The Tuttle Co , 1904, p 824.

GROUT, Hilkihah, 1st Major, Upper Regiment in a list of Cumberland County Militia Officers commissioned by the Committee of Safety (New York) for Cumberland County on the 4th of January, 1776. (taken from the archives of the State of New York
vol. XV

p. 825

GROUT, Hilkihah, 1st Major, Upper Regiment, in a list of Officers for Cumberland County. A note says that the nominations of these officers was confirmed by the Committee of Safety of New York, January 4, 1776.

(copied from A. H. Hall's History of Eastern Vermont)

Above contained in a letter from Clara E. Follett Assistant to Director, Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier, Vermont, March 9, 1949.

ROLLS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR, 1775 - 1783, Compiled by John E. Goodrich.

p. 825 - "First Major - HILKIAH GROUT"

GROUT, Hilkiah.

son of John and Johannah (Boynton)

b. July 23, 1728, Lunenburg, Massachusetts.

d. December 19, 1795, Weathersfield, Vermont.

m. 1750, Submit Hawkes of Deerfield, Mass.

daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Belding) Hawkes. b. February 10, 1728.

Note: John Hawkes, in 1659 moved up from Windsor, Connecticut, and became one of the first settlers of Hadley, Massachusetts.

Eliezar Hawkes (Deacon) son of John, came with his father. He married Judith Smead, daughter of William Smead.

Nathaniel Hawkes, (son of Eliezar)

b. June 1699

m. Hannah Belding of Hatfield, Mass,

Nathaniel and Hannah had other children. They were a family of Indian fighters and empire lovers. Two of their children were Tories. One son was imprisoned for selling meat to the British. Another remarked that he was going "where the Devil couldn't find him" - how successful he was is not known - but he disappeared.

Major John Hawkes, an Uncle of Submit, was one with General Amherst, in building the western part of the Crown Point Road in 1759.

On one of his military expeditions in 1746, he encamped at Weathersfield, Vermont, on the height of land now known as Hawkes Mountain. He was one of General Amherst's most daring and resourceful aides.

Col. Zadoc Hawkes was another Uncle of Submit's. Her great grandmother was killed by the Indians in 1677 - this was her mother's mother. Her father's grandmother, with a daughter-in-law and grandchildren were smothered in a cellar at the time of the Deerfield massacre. Elizabeth, sister of Submit's Grandfather Hawkes, was killed by the Indians on her way to church. Elizabeth's brother John was killed - his widow remarried a man by the name of Scott, and he, with Elizabeth's two sons were taken by the Indians and sold in Canada. One son was never heard of again.

So Hilkiah and Submit, married in Deerfield in 1750, were no

strangers to the frontier, nor frontier life, with its ever-present menace from the Indians. Having the pioneering spirit, they took up one of the "pitches" near Conway, Massachusetts, when it was first opened up, but later moved to that part of Hinsdale, west of the river, now Vernon.

Three children were born to them --

Hilkiah Jr., b. in 1751, in Northfield, Massachusetts.

Asa, b. February 3, 1753, in Winchester, New Hampshire.

Martha, b. September 25, 1754, Winchester, New Hampshire.

Orlando Bridgeman built a Fort at Vernon in 1754, and Submit and Hilkiah with their three children moved to the Fort to live, together with the families of Caleb Howe and Benjamin Gaffield. July 27, 1755, Jemima Howe and her seven children, ranging from six months to eleven years, Eunice Gaffield and her baby, Submit and her three children, were alone at the Fort. The men were in the field near the river working in the cornfield. They had started to return to the Fort, when twelve Indians fired from ambush. Hilkiah escaped by swimming the river; Gaffield attempted the feat, but was drowned. The two older Howe boys, who were with the men were captured. Caleb was scalped, his body pierced by a spear, he was left for dead. He was found the next morning by a party from Fort Hinsdale, and being asked by one of them if he knew him, he replied, "yes, I know you all". These were his last words, though he did not die until after they had reached Fort Hinsdale with him.

After leaving Caleb Howe for dead, the Indians went to the Fort, where they knew there were women and children alone. Some of the old records state that the Indians had, by keeping watch, learned the signal given at the outer gate by men returning from the fields, and so were able to gain an easy entrance. The women had heard the guns, but were ignorant of the cause. Anxiously awaiting the return of their men, they heard in the dusk of early evening, a rapping at the gate and a tread of feet without. Supposing by the signal given, that their men had returned safely, they hastily opened the gate, and to their horror and anguish in rushed the hideously painted Indians, to whom they and their children became easy prey. The three families, fourteen in all, were made prisoners. After plundering and firing the Fort, the Indians proceeded about a mile and a half and encamped for the night in the woods. The next day they set out with their prisoners for Crown Point, and after nine day's travel reached Lake Champlain.

What suffering must have been their's during the long hours and miles. Through woods and swamps, across rivers and moun-

tains, half clothed, barefooted, exposed to the pitiless June heat, and the vicious sting of the black flies, mosquitoes and other insects with which the northern woods abound at that time of year. The mental agony as to the fate of their loved ones, and what the immediate future held in store for them, for they could expect nothing better than a sorry captivity and death. At Lake Champlain the Indians took to their canoes, and soon after the whole party arrived at their destination.

Note: Marguerite Allis in her historical novel, "Not Without Peril" features this forlorn little party of captives, dwelling upon Jemima Howe especially, but the Grout's enter into her story too.

After remaining at Crown Point about a week, they proceeded down the lake to St. John's, and ended their march at St. Francis on the river St. Lawrence. There is an unsupported tradition that Hilkiah followed the Indians and their captives for three days, saw that Submit and the children were alive and apparently safe, and knew that a pot shot from him would be hazardous. From a vantage point on the Black River meadows, where later he settled and built a home, he saw them disappear into the forest. He then went back and enlisted for service.

The usual termination of an Indian raid was, that those captives who survived the ordeal of the long march were sold - the boys to the Indians, the women to the French as household servants. Submit and Martha were so fortunate as to be sold to a French gentleman, M. LeRoy Demille. Asa and Hilkiah Jr., were sold to the Indians in the St. Francis region. Submit and Martha were captives for three years. October 9, 1758, Col. Zadoc Hawkes presented a petition to the General Court of Massachusetts, praying them to obtain a release for Submit Grout, the petitioner's niece. Money for ransom was contributed by General Israel Putnam, and others. The release was not long delayed, and sometime in the next spring Submit was brought home, but was compelled to leave her children behind. Three years later two of the children were recovered, but Hilkiah Jr. the eldest never returned, and evidence was afterwards found, that he was adopted by the Cattaraugus tribe of Indians in New York and, in time, became their Chief. It is claimed that he took the name of Peter Westfall and was the progenitor of the distinguished family of that name in New York. For a long time the parents mourned their first born son as dead, and named another son, born October 30, 1761, Hilkiah Jr. 2nd.

Many kind hearted French paid the ransom for captive girls and gave them homes in the convents in Canada. After the

British were victorious many of the French returned to France, some of them taking the girls they had ransomed with them. Some of the girls took the vows in French Convents, but many of them married.

Note: A tradition existed many years later that Martha was one of the girls taken to France. But records dis-prove this, she lived, married and died in the town of Weathersfield, Vermont, and her head stone, almost obliterated now (1951) is still standing in the old Grout Yard in Weathersfield.

Jemima Howe, after a series of adventures was finally redeemed and brought home, but her daughter was one of the girls who went to France. Her story is told on pp. 75-76 of HALL'S HISTORY OF EASTERN VERMONT.

At the close of three years of captivity, Eunice Gaffield was ransomed, and went to England.

It is not known or recorded when Hilkiah decided on Weathersfield, Vermont, as his permanent home. He was first elected to office in Weathersfield in 1774, and it is likely that for some years before this he had been clearing land, and bargaining for titles, but none of his children was born in Weathersfield until 1771. Submit had lost nearly four years in Canadian widowhood, and as large families were the custom, an economic necessity, even a responsibility - upon her return from captivity, she again took up the duties of wife and mother. Eight children were born to her in the thirteen years that followed. Six were born in Winchester, New Hampshire.

Elihu, b. February 17, 1760. Died Cambridge, Vt.

Hilkiah Jr. 2nd b. October 30, 1761

Bridgeman, b. June 24, 1763

Seth, b. July 23, 1765

Demille, b. April 19, 1767

Oliver. b. June 30, 1769 (perpetuated line being traced)

Orlando. b. August 8, 1771, Weathersfield, Vermont,

d. February 1847. m. Lucinda Brown

LeRoy, b. December 22, 1773, Weathersfield, Vermont.

(later was known simply as Roy)

Submit was now 45, and to her credit had one daughter and ten sons, all born well and strong. Sons enough to avenge her years of captivity if the French and Indian wars hadn't been over. The names of her children are indicative to the years preceding their birth. Hilkiah Jr. 2nd, was to replace the loved little first born son believed dead. Orlando and Bridgeman, in memory of the destroyed Fort. LeRoy and Demille were for the kind and

gracious French master of her Canadian years.

Even in those troubled days, reference was made in records and letters of Canadian courtesy, and some of the records show that letters, and even visits, were exchanged between Montreal and New England. To Martha, captivity was but a vague childhood memory - but Submit could talk French, and Asa knew the Indian language, but seldom used it. He did however, find it comfortable to sit on the floor, Indian fashion, instead of using a chair, and for that reason was often dubbed "Indian Asa".

With the war over and the State established, Hilkiah turned his attention to his lands and civic affairs. He was always elected to the town offices, Moderator, Town Clerk, Overseer of the Poor, Commissioner of Highways, Grand Juror, Assessor, Lister, Selectman - he took them all in his stride, and his influence in the town was such that he was always appointed to the most important committees.

While the Revolutionary war was in progress, the affairs of the settlers were managed by committees in the various towns, who when the occasion required, met in general convention to provide for common defense and general welfare. The decrees of these conventions were regarded as law, and violations were severely punished. It is recorded that in 1775 and 1776 "Weathersfield was represented by Hilkiah Grout . . . and three others". And again at Windsor, Vermont, June 4, 1777, Weathersfield was "represented by Hilkiah Grout".

As early as 1761, Hilkiah was becoming a well known figure, while he was still living in Winchester. The Town Charter by which the town of Windsor, Vermont, was brought into existence, was drawn up at a meeting held on the first Wednesday of August, 1761, with Samuel Ashley as moderator, "at the home of Hilkiah Grout, Inn Holder, in Winchester." The second meeting, April 12, 1762, is recorded as "at the house of Landlord Hilkiah Grout", And the third meeting, August 24, 1763, was "at Hilkiah Grout's house".

Dr. Timothy Dwight in his TRAVELS IN NEW ENGLAND, speaks of these old Windsor Conventions as "Peregrinating Conventions which rolled on wheels from town to town."

The old proprietors had a rather loose manner of recording the transactions of their meetings, the minutes being made on any sheet or scrap of paper that happened to be convenient, and it was not until 1769 that any move was made in the matter of procuring books in which to enter their proceedings, and minutes are found on pieces of paper until the year 1771.

By 1773, Hilkiah was taking a very active part in Weathersfield town affairs. He is mentioned among the early Artisans, as a surveyor. He is recorded, together with his son, Corporal Asa Grout, as signing the New York Association Test (so called) December 21, 1775. On June 5, 1775 he went to Westminster, where double taxes were raised for the purchase of powder. A Military Committee of Safety was named to take charge of all preparations, with "Hilkiah Grout named as Captain, to have charge at Perkinsville, Vt."

In his HISTORY OF EARLY WEATHERSFIELD, Ernest W. Butterfield speaks of the Crown Point road with the many changes which had been made for convenience. In particular - Gotfe's original road led over the heights of land from Joshua Upham's, to Joseph Woodbury's, but - "the hills were steep, the roads down to the river by Hilkiah Grout's were good, and the Major was hospitable" - so it appears that the road used in the days of the Revolution, left the old road at Josiah Upham's, passed below the Upham School House, and down the brook where there is now a reservoir, to the ford, and Grout's log house near the (so called) Luther Warren bridge, and then joined the old road again upon the plain. This changed road was one of the first accepted by the town at the Town Meeting, and was recorded in January 1777, while in 1882 the town voted to "accept and care for the whole Crown Point road, with alterations, one being that it shall run by the house of Hilkiah Grout as now travelled".

Over this road, Stark and the Bennington soldiers passed, and John Calfe wrote in his diary - "February 12, 1777, from Charlestown we marched to Hobb's in Springfield, (at Eureka) seven miles. Marched then to Major Grout's at Weathersfield, four miles, and tarried all night".

HALL'S HISTORY OF EASTERN VERMONT records under Civil Officers of Cumberland County Under New York —

"Dedimus Potestatum Commissioners, Date of Commission, July 17, 1766.

June 5, 1782, Hilkiah Grout.

Assistant Judges of Inferior Common Pleas.

August 18, 1778, Hilkiah Grout (and two others)

Justices of the Peace.

June 5, 1782, Hilkiah Grout - (14 others)

Selectman, 1782 - 1785, Hilkiah Grout

p. 412 - "Vermont, claimed by New York (1780's) regarded with hatred and fear by New Hampshire, suspected of treason by Congress, and eagerly watched by Canada held a situation so peculiarly delicate, that one false step might have destroyed all

the plans of her protectors and rendered vain her hopes of existence as a separate and independent state". p. 430 - "They decided in the outset, that the loyal inhabitants of the northern district of the state were entitled to protection, and to the actual presence in their counties of proper civil and military officers selected from their own number. On the 5th of June the following were appointed Justices of the Peace for Cumberland County.

HILKIAH GROUT	Charles Phelps	Daniel Shepardson
James Clay	Simon Stevens	Eleazer Patterson
Elijah Prouty	Michael Gilson	Hezekiah Stowell
Samuel Bixby	Bethuel Church	Joseph Winchester
John Pannel	Nathan Fish	Daniel Kathan

In their commission, power was given them to order the arrest of those persons who should threaten any of "the good people" of the state, "in their persons, or in burning their houses", and to "keep them in prison safe", until they should find security for their good behavior. To the first SEVEN persons named in the Justices' commission, were also given the name and power of justices of the quorum: and to any three of this number was entrusted the "right to inquire by the oaths of good and lawful men", residents of the county, concerning such offenses as were within the cognizance of a justice of the peace, and to determine upon them. They were also empowered to examine into the conduct of those who should "presume to go, or ride in company with, armed force", for the purpose of opposing the people of the State of New York, or who should lie in wait with intent to maim or kill any of them; and they were further directed to take notice of all attempts to set aside the laws and ordinances of the state. The justices of the quorum were also appointed justices of the court of Oyer and Terminer, and general jail delivery. To Charles Phelps, James Clay and HILKIAH GROUT was given power, as commissioners to administer the oath of office to all civil and military appointees.

Note: (Webster) "Oyer nnd Terminer" to hear and determine: used in England in commissions to judges assize, and in the U. S. A. in designations of various superior courts of a similar jurisdiction.

In 1785, Hilkiah Grout represented the town at Legislature. He had acquired money nnd property, buying largely of the Proprietors, until he owned all of the Black river meadows south of lower Perkinsville. Vt. He bought and sold other sections and lots in land speculation. Throughout his life time he owned more land of value than any other man in town. He built his log house at the depression east of the highway, 20 rods north of the

Butterfield, or Sherwin, covered bridge. The brook from the western plain crossed at this point, and the intervalles were covered with rank wild grass. He cleared pastures, built barns, and then a frame house which stands there today, though very likely it has been rebuilt and remodeled many times in the intervening years. He loved his farm, and established his own burying ground just over the garden wall, and one may see today, that row of family graves with their black slate stone markers. The inscriptions are filled with lichen accumulated through the years. To get a picture it was necessary to chisel out the lettering and mark in with white chalk. Even this was not satisfactory in all cases - the stones of Martha and Captain John Marsh are so nearly obliterated as to be nearly illegible, but they prove beyond doubt that Martha lived and died and was buried in Weathersfield.

Note: Fortunately for research workers in the Town of Weathersfield, a cemetery book compiled by Ernest W. Butterfield, LL. D (a native of the town) lists every stone in every cemetery in the town.

The old stones are tipping and slipping sideways, and in a few years - (unless some financially independent interested descendant appears on the scene to take over) - only the huge old pines will be standing to mark the graves of the Grout's.

History states that the first burial in Weathersfield was in the "Grout Burying Ground", and as Bridgeman, (the son born in 1763) does not appear in records after 1771, it is supposed that his was the first death with burial there, though no marker is left to support the tradition. The farm itself was owned and occupied, after passing out of the Grout family, by Sherwins and Butterfield families, and the cemetery became known as the Sherwin, and later (to date) as the "Old Butterfield Cemetery". Let us express the hope that a descendant will arise with financial influence enough to get the old cemetery re-named "Grout Burying Ground".

Hilkiah's lands extended to the Kendrick's Corner Road, and there he had a great bubbling spring, known for many years as "The Major's Spring". His children lived with, and around him, and married into Weathersfield families.

Asa married Sally Spofford, daughter of Joseph Spofford, and among his descendants is found Fred G. Fields of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. Asa died August 21, 1833; his wife Sally died December 20, 1823. Asa and Sally had six children - Polly, who married John Bizby. Sarah, who married Oliver Tarbell.

Charlotte, who married Nathaniel Joslyn.

Asa Jr. who married Cynthia Spencer.

Henrietta

Harriet

Martha married John Marsh Jr. and lived at the Dr. Cram house in Perkinsville, at the corners. (1950, Tilton pink house) Four of her children died in infancy. Martha and her son John, died of spotted-fever (Typhus or Rocky Mountain) in the epidemic of 1813 - 1814. Her husband married again and produced distinguished descendants. He lived to be 87 - when he died, he was buried by the side of Martha and their five children, in the "Grout Burying Ground". Elihu married Judith, another daughter of Joseph Spofford.

Hilkiah Jr. 2nd, married Abigail Parker. They had eight children - Hannah, who never married.

Hilkiah, who died unmarried at about 60.

Abigail, who married a Cooke.

George, who died insane.

Elkanah, who died at 21.

John, who married Mary McHollister.

Almena no record.

Chloe no record.

Hilkiah Jr. 2nd, died about 1853.

Elihu is mentioned in the records as a surveyor, "doing much work for the town."

Bridgeman is recorded in one instance as "having died as a young boy" - while another historian claims that "he fell dead while dancing, at the age of 19" - which would have been around 1782. Both writers agree that he was probably the first to be buried in the Grout Burying Ground. Word had come that Hilkiah Jr. 1st, was alive and living in New York, but he was lost to his parents and family.

Seth married Dolly Brown. They became the grandparents of Warren Grout of Weathersfield. Warren Grout was grandfather of Dorothy (Grout) Stiles, (Mrs. George Stiles) now living (1951) Claremont, N. H..

Demille married Martha (or Patty) Clark, daughter of Isaac C. Clark, Framingham, Massachusetts.

Oliver married Polly Morse

As he is the son who perpetuated the line being traced, further information of him and his wife, Polly, will be found in another chapter.

LeRoy married Anna Perry. He later dropped the prefix Le - and was called simply Roy. His headstone is to be found in the

old Grout Burying Ground. He died February 7, 1815.

All these married sons had children. Of their descendants, many still lived in the town, others moved north and west. As the older sons came of age, they established themselves on their own farms, leaving the home farm to Roy and Orlando.

Hilkiah died December 19, 1795, and was buried in the place which he had chosen. He was only 68 years old, but how full those years had been. Without formal education, as we think of it today, he is recorded as being "clear in his handwriting and correct in his spelling". Preserved papers show wide reading, good logic and clever expression. He must have been a capable speaker, and records show that he was a man entirely ready to be in a minority, or even alone. He delighted in lawsuits, took pleasure in petitions, and made his records permanent.

As a surveyor he laid out town roads, and made certain that all that led from HIS house were correctly entered in the town books.

He had his way in town affairs as often as was good for him, when he didn't, he filed a protest, had it made a matter of record and went out to organize for the next contest. The old records are full of his doings, especially HISTORY OF WINDSOR COUNTY by Aldrich and Holmes, though it is most unfortunate that in that volume he is mentioned as "Hezekiah" nearly as often as Hilkiah. "From that day to this (one historian states) there is no record known, where a man with eight farmer sons and a son-in-law marched united to a town meeting to cast their ballots". He was often contrary minded, but constructively so, and when he died, the eight sons, son-in-law, his neighbors, with men of the town of estate and position, bore his body to his grave and marked it with dignity and simplicity. May his weary body and intrepid soul rest in peace.

The Census of 1800 of Weathersfield, lists the nine children of Hilkiah and Submit; one with a family of five, two of six each, three of seven, one of eight, one of nine, one of ten. Sixtyfive souls in all, in a town where three weary and frightened Indian captives had slept fortyfive years before.

For the aging Submit this was a new world. Each night she saw the sunset, or the thunderheads, over Hawkes Mountain where her Uncle John Hawkes had watched for Indian smokes. Each day she saw peaceful farmers pass along a road that had once been an Indian trail; and to the new generation, Indians were something in their history lessons at school. Only the older men and women remembered the early days of the settlement. Her son-in-law, John Marsh remembered how, in his own boyhood

home, the straggling Indians were always given food and shelter. He thought them interesting, and could not understand the relief of his parents when they had gone on their way again. Submit remembered the days when the Indians were a terror and a fire-side menace for four generations. Of these days she did not like to talk - it kept her awake nights her children knew. After Hilkiah's death she lived first with Roy and Orlando, and after the sale of the farm, for a short time with Martha.

Note: In 1810, Captain John Sherwin of Pepperill, Massachusetts, bought the farm.

Then came the years of the spotted fever epidemic - Submit, now 84, died May 7, 1813. Martha died the next October. Martha's son John, the following March. Roy died February 7 of the next year. In March 1815, Lecta, daughter of Oliver and Polly. All these with others, are buried there in the old Burying Ground.

One Authority states that there are more ancient grave stones dated 1813--1815 than any other date, and of course the number of un-recorded deaths can not be named.

Submit had become an historical figure - the school books told about her - she had been an Indian captive and a slave - she had whispered French nursery words in her last delirium. She had not an enemy in the world, and though Death had recently visited many homes in the community, all of the town was present at her funeral presided over by the great and good Rev. James Converse.

When the funeral at the home was over that sunny after noon in May 1813, the minister led, and eight stalwart sons raised the coffin and bore it to its appointed place.

And there under huge old pines they sleep, those valiant ancestors of our's.



MAJ.
HILKIAH GROUT
died Dec. 19, 1795
in the 65th year
of his age

MRS. SUBMIT
wife of
Maj. Hilkiah Grout
died May 7, 1813
Age 84 years
& 3 months

For 157 years these black slate markers have weathered the snows of winter. A Flag waves over Hilkiah's grave placed there each Memorial Day by the General Lewis Chapter of D. A. R. Springfield, Vermont.

SETH GROUT and his descendants.

1. GROUT, Seth (1)
 son of Submit (Hawkes) and Major Hilkiah Grout
 b. July 23, 1765: m. a Hagar.
 Six children —
 David; Nelson; Matilda; Nancy; Nellie; Seth (2).
2. Seth Grout (2), son of Seth (1) and - Hagar.
 b. June 26, 1791: d. September 8, 1830: m. Dolly Brown
 ch. Four - Zenous, d. March 2, 1819:
 Emeline, b. 1817: m. Bradley Mitchell.
 Harlan P. b. March 2, 1823: d. November 8, 1892
 Warren (see 3)
3. Warren Grout, son of Seth (2) and Dolly (Brown) Grout.
 b. June 30, 1826: d. Nov. 8, 1892: m. Roxy P. Hosley who
 d. October 1905
 Ch. One, Oscar Joseph.
4. Oscar Joseph Grout, son of Warren and Roxy (Hosley) Grout
 b. Dec. 17, 1854: d. Sept. 13, 1908: m. Alice Maria Proctor
 b. Aug. 24, 1860,
 d. 1930
 Ch. Three - Lena M. d. Sept. 11, 1879:
 m. April 1898, Alva Parker of Cavendish, Vt.
 (2) Dolly or Dorothy, d. July 21: m. Nov. 10, 1906, George
 Stiles, son of Mary Ann (Whiteman) and Orville Stiles.
 Ch. of George and Dorothy (Grout) Stiles -
 One, Gertrude, d. Dec, 6, 1911: m. Harold Wakeman, son
 of Bernice (Miller) and Ralph Wakeman of Claremont, N. H.
 Ch. of Harold and Gertrude (Stiles) Wakeman -
 Two, Norman. b. May 6, 1935
 Betty Jean, b. Feb. 2, 1937

LEROY GROUT'S DESCENDANTS

Gen. 1. GROUT, LeRoy (1).

son of Submit (Hawkes' and Major Hilkiah Grout

b. December 22, 1775: d. February 7, 1815.

m. February 25, 1796, Anna Perry, Weathersfield, Vt.

Ch. of LeRoy and Anna —

1. Nathan: 2. Nathaniel

Gen. 2. Grout Nathaniel.

Son of LeRoy and Anna (Perry) Grout

b. November 8, 1798, Weathersfield, Vermont

d. 1876

m. August 31, 1820, Lorain Sawyer, b. 1800: d. 1889.

Ch. of Nathaniel and Lorain -

1. LeRoy (2): 2. Almon Williard.

Gen. 3. Grout, LeRoy (2)

son of Nathaniel and Lorain (Sawyer) Grout

b. January 21, Lester, Vermont.

d. April 6, 1890, San Diego, California

m. May 29, 1848, Cordelia M. Flower, b. Aug. 31, 1829
d. July 4, 1923

daughter of George and Lucretia (Cotton) Flower.

Ch. of LeRoy (2) and Cordelia —

1. Augustus: 2. Ida Lenore: 3. Elsie Minerva: 4. Lemont

Gen. 4. GROUT, Elsie Minerva.

daughter of LeRoy (2) and Cordelia (Flower) Grout

b. Sept. 12, 1854, Stockbridge, Wisconsin

d. March 15, 1927, Watertown, S. Dakota

m. Dec. 23, 1872, William Henry Stokes, b. May 16, 1845
Porter, Wis. d. May 26, 1920 Watertown,
S. Dakota. Son of Charles and Ann
(Kimball) Stokes.

Children of Elsie (Grout) and William Stokes -

Gen. 5 - 1. Glencora, b. Nov. 12, 1873, Janesville, Minnesota

m. Dec. 12, 1895, Watertown, S. Dakota,

Frank E. Hawley, b. March 30, 1871,

Bridgeport, Conn. d. June 12, 1950,

Pasadena, Calif. son of Jane (Curtis)

and Frederick B. Hawley.

Ch. of Glencora and Frank Hawley -

1. George Sterling, b. Dec. 10, 1899, Watertown, S. D.

2. Frank Eugene Jr., b. Oct. 18, 1901, Watertown, S. D.

3. Elsie Jane, b. Nov. 11, 1910, Watertown, S. D.
m. June 29, 1935.

Gen. 5. - 2. Gladys May Stokes, b. Aug. 22, 1876.

Gen. 5-3, Maude Lenore Stokes, b. Aug. 27, 1879, Janesville, Minnesota. m. Oct. 4, 1905, Henrick M. Tillisch, b. Mar. 1878, Bergen, Norway

Ch. of Henrick and Maude Tillisch -

1. Wm. H. Tillisch, b. 1914

2. Dr. Jan Tillisch, b. 1908.

Gen. 5. - 4. Alice Wilhelmena Stokes,
b. Jan. 12, 1882, Janesville, Minnesota.
m. April 19, 1905, Edward Toohill, b. Dec. 29, 1879,
son of David and Agnes (Bump) Toohill.

Ch. of Alice and Edward Toohill -

1. Beatice A. (m. a Langlois)

Gen. 5 - 5 Elsie Minerva Stokes,
b. February 24, 1885, Watertown, S. D.
m. 1908, George C. Bookstaver.

Gen. 5 - 6. William Henry Stokes, Jr.
b. July 12, 1887, Watertown, S. D.
m. Laurie Jones
Ch. of Wm. Henry Jr and Laurie Stokes
1. Wm. Henry 3rd.
2. Griffith

Gen. 5 - 7 Louise May Alcott Stokes,
b. August 8, 1890, Watertown, S. D.
m. Jan. 3, 1941; Chester K. Snyder, b. Nov. 1,
1882 son of Florence (Holland) and Frances P.
Snyder.
1. Kieth, b. Feb. 17, 1921
2. Phillip, b. Sept. 13, 1927.

Gen. 5 -8. Ann Kimball Stokes,
b. March 20, 1893. Watertown, S. D.
m. Charles Phillips, b. 1887, son of Horace and
Sarah (Parker) Phillips.
Ch. of Charles and Ann Phillips -
1. Patricia Ann, b. June 6, 1925, Oakland, Cal.

Gen. 5 - 9 Phillip Douglas Stokes, b. Aug. 13, 1895.

OLIVER GROUT

son of

Major Hilkiah and Submit [[Hawkes]] Grout

OLIVER GROUT

(SON OF HILKIAH and SUBMIT)

Copy of Certificate of Birth

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

United States of America

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

From the records of births in the town of
WINCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, U. S. A.

Full name of child Oliver Grout
Date of Birth June 30, 1769
Sex Male
Place of Birth Winchester, New Hampshire
Name of Father Hilkiah Grout
Name of Mother Submit

I, Parke F. Weeks, depose and say that I hold the office of Town Clerk for the Town of Winchester, County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire: that the records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in said Town are in my custody, and that the above is a true extract from the records of Births in said Town, as certified by me.

Witness my Hand and Seal of said Town, on the 19th day of February 1949. Recorded: Vol. 1, Page 12.

(signed) Parke F. Weekes

Town Clerk of Winchester, N. H.

(SEAL)

GROUT, Oliver

son of Submit (Hawkes) and Major Hilkiah Grout

b. June 30, 1769, Winchester, N. H. (Ref: Birth Certificate)

d. September 21, 1831, Johnson, Vt. (Ref: Rev. Abner Morse

m. (1) Polly Morse, b. February 19, 1769

d. August 19, 1806 (Gravestone)

m. (2) May 6, 1807, Betsy White, (w. of Thomas) of Cavendish, Vermont.

The Weathersfield records have the following -

"Be it remembered that at Weathersfield, on the 6th day of May, 1807, Mr. Oliver Grout of Weathersfield, and Mrs. Betsy White,

widow of Thomas White of Cavendish, both in said County of Windsor were duly joined in marriage by me.

Gregory Stone
Justice of the Peace."

At the Plain Cemetery there is a stone inscribed - "Betsy White, relict of Thomas White, and wife of Oliver Grout, d. July 31, 1825, age 67 years." (Thomas White d. December 21, 1805, age 38 years) Oliver is buried in the Grout Burying Ground, between the graves of his parents and the grave of his first wife, Polly. Only a common unlettered piece of field stone marks his grave, but family tradition claims it to be his place of burial. In line with these graves are those of Lecta and Minerva, daughters of Oliver and Polly.

Oliver and Polly had seven children -

Dan, b. March 24, 1793 (perpetuates this line, and will be found
in the next chapter)

Seer, or (Zur) b. December 1797

Lecta, b. 1799

d. March 19, 1815

Laura, married a Stephen Brown

Harvey, b. February 10, 1801

m. Sarah Page of Charlestown, N. H.

Was early deprived of his sight while blasting a well.

Adaline, b. February 15, 1803

m. Daniel B Perkins

Minerva, b. November 1805

d. November 4, 1815

One historian credits Oliver with 12 children, giving their names as Maria, Sarah, Volney W., William W. and Henry, in addition to those above named. This is probably incorrect, and a confusion with the names of Oliver's grandchildren, who bore the same names. Possibly there were children born to the second marriage with Betsy White, but as no records were kept in Johnson, Vermont, prior to 1857, it was impossible to check the vital records of that place which was Oliver's last recorded residence.

Oliver's life proved a difficult one to trace.

DAN GROUT

son of

Oliver and Polly [[Morse]] Grout

GROUT, Dan

Son of Oliver and Polly (Morse) Grout

b. March 24, 1793, supposedly in Baltimore, Vermont.

d. April 16, 1857, Cavendish, Vermont.

m. Lucy Whitney, B. February 1, 1802
D. February 12, 1886

Children, Six -

Minerva,

Maria,

Ann,

Volney, - (perpetuates this line, see next chapter)

William Wirt,

Henry,

There is little record of the early life of Dan Grout. He is supposed to have been born in Baltimore, Vermont, as land records there contain his father Oliver's name in 1799. Baltimore did not become a town until 1793, and no records are preserved prior to that date. The land transaction mentioned in 1799, speaks of Oliver as of Weathersfield, hence we assume that the move from Baltimore to Weathersfield was made when Dan Grout was quite young. He was only twelve years old when his mother, Polly, died, and fourteen when his father was married again to Betsy White. The move from Baltimore may have occurred at the time of Oliver's second marriage.

He comes to our attention as a man - "a man nobody stepped on, but a man full of humor". (characteristic of all the Grout's)

STATE OF VERMONT ROSTER OF SOLDIERS 1812-'14 has the following about a DANIEL Grout, but does not give his place of residence.

p. 193 GROUT, Daniel.

Served in Capt. Adams' Company,

Col. Jonathan Williams' Regt.

Detached Militia in U. S. Service

2 months and 7 days, 1812.

This is verified by War Department records.

Briefing of names was common at that time it would have been the natural thing to shorten Daniel to Dan - members of the Grout family are all positive that the Daniel above named, is the Dan who perpetuated this line. The inscription on his grave stone is Dan, his will is recorded as Dan, whether he was baptised Dan or Daniel, he apparently lived his life as Dan. He was one of the Selectmen of Cavendish, and Clerk of the school district where he lived. Those were rough days - tobacco and rum a matter of daily use. A family story is to the effect that Lucy

told her children that if she "ever caught them using either, they would get it in their bread and milk." She is reported as a small woman, very ambitious and filled with energy. Born in a log cabin, she used to tell her children of the many mornings she had awakened, as a child, to drifting snow upon her bed. They lived in Cavendish on a farm known as The Dan Grout Homestead.

The years immediately following, and during, the war of 1812, were called the lean years - that period from 1812 to 1817. A violent contagious disease called "spotted fever" broke out - it is not known how many died, as many deaths were never recorded - but very few families escaped. Some thought it brought by returning soldiers - many believed it to be "the hand of the Lord on a wicked and sinful generation." In many families all the children died, and many graves were never marked at all, or at best with rough unlettered field stone. The cemeteries contain more graves marked 1813 than any other date.

Following this came three bad weather years. In 1815, the corn ripened in only a few fields. The records show that in 1816 snow fell in every month, and frosts were so severe that corn did not ripen at all and all late crops perished. Hardship and destitution went hand in hand with the poor. For two years the only fields that ripened were those on the light soil at "Kendrick's Corners", where the Springfield, Vermont air-port is located - (1952). Many went there to buy corn in that year of famine, much as Jacob's sons went to Egypt. Though there is no official record of the life of Dan Grout during those hard and trying years, we feel sure that being of Grout blood, he must have served and done his bit in the community in which he lived. He died April 16, 1857. His will, Vol. 16, p. 244, Cavendish, Vt., left all his real and personal estate to Lucy. To his six children - each - one dollar. Lucy died February 12, 1886. They are buried on a hill side in the old Cavendish cemetery. The once beautiful stone, double, placed there in loving memory by their children, faces the hills amid which they spent their lives - the hills they must have loved.



OUR MOTHER
LUCY WHITNEY
wife of the late
DAN GROU T
Born Feb. 1, 1802
Died Feb. 12, 1886
AE. 84 yr's, 11 dy's

OUR FATHER
DAN GROU T
Born
Mar. 24, 1793
DIED
Apr. 16, 1857
AE. 64 yr's, 22 dy's

To follow the six children of Dan and Lucy Grout -

1. Minerva, m. Edgar Amsden, Windsor, Vt.
Ch. Winnie.
2. Maria, b. May 14, 1821.
d. February 13, 1889
m. (1) April 5, 1837, Alenson O. Amsden, who was
b. Sept. 28, 1814
Ch.
1. Henry H. b. March 3, 1840
d. June 29, 1911
m. March 4, 1863, Luella A. Sargent
Ch. of Henry and Luella --
Walter A. b. February 12, 1870
d. December 13, 1942
m. February 24, 1892, Marcia Parker
Ch. of Walter and Marcia --
Grace Luella, b. December 1, 1892
m. (1) December 25, 1912

- Morgan H. Dix
m. (2) June 16, 1940
Fred G. Parmenter
(no issue)
2. Ellen M. b. June 11, 1838
d. October 1, 1896
m. Milton Adams
Ch. of Ellen and Milton --
(1) Minnie, m. Ira Peck. (no issue)
(2) Albert, b. November 23, 1880
d. September 10, 1940
m. Hattie Butler
Ch. of Hattie (Butler) and Albert Adams
(1) Rena, b. August 23, 1900
d. January 1917
m. Edward Place (no issue)
(2) Avis b. January 9, 1912
m. August 31, 1934, Gardner Manley
Ch. of Avis (Adams) and Gardner Manley
(1) Eugene Leon, b. October 1, 1940
(2) Judith Ann, b. August 7, 1945
Alenson Adams d. November 28, 1850
2. Maria m. (2) November 9, 1852, Henry Spaulding --
Ch. of Maria and Henry Spaulding --
Byron Jephtha, b. May 23, 1856
d. May 23, 1919
m. (1) October 8, 1879, Florence E. Ayers.
Ch. George H. b. February 22, 1883
d. April 3, 1885
Byron Jephtha m. (2) June 22, 1887, Sarah Estella George
Ch. - of Byron and Sarah
(1) Florence George, b. August 3, 1890
m. (1) October 24, 1929 Herbert Jacob Leab who d.
March 24, 1930. m. (2) Roy George Shedd April
26, 1942.
(2) Walter Henry, b. April 6, 1894
d. August 16, 1949
m. September 19, 1925, Esther Erickson.
ch. of Walter and Esther Spaulding--
Walter Henry Jr. b. September 14, 1926
m. December 22, 1948 Frances L. Hedrick
ch. of Walter Jr. and Frances Spaulding--
Cheryl Lynn, b. May 12, 1950

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- (3) Guy Byron, b. October 28, 1897
d. August 1, 1898
3. Ann, daughter of Dan and Lucy Grout, married an Adams but no further information seems available.
4. Volney - *See Volney Grout Chapter.*
5. William Wirt, son of Dan and Lucy Grout
m. (1) Augusta Spaulding who d. March 4, 1869.
Four Children -
Charles S. Settled in Indianapolis, Indiana.
Elsie
Etta d. young
Augusta m. Cowles, settled in Wichita, Kansas.
(2) Ann Eliza -
Children -
Gussie (probably Augusta): Ida
(3) Adelia Locke who survived him. She later married
Otis Stearns of Perkinsville.
6. Henry, Son of Dan and Lucy Grout.
b. September 12, 1834, Cavendish, Vermont.
d. March 17, 1900
m. (1) Betsey Lorinda Parker, daughter of Nancy (Ives)
and Abner J. Parker, direct descendant of Joshua
Parker, 1st Sergeant at Concord Bridge, and Captain
at Bunker Hill under Prescott.
(2) July 4, 1876, Hattie Proctor, d. Feb 24, 1920.
Buried in Houston, Texas.
Children of Henry and Lorinda (Parker) Grout.
1. Betsey M. d. Sept. 5, 1872. 13 yrs. 2 mo's 25 d's.
2. Herbert, b. Feb. 7, 1861, Cavendish, Vt.
d. May 23, 1946, Greenbush, Vt.
m. Oct. 1, 1886, Hattie Furbush, Weathersfield
Ch. of Hattie (Furbush) and Herbert Grout
boy, died in infancy
girl, died in infancy
1. adopted daughter, Doris, m. Bates
3. Marshall Grout, son of Henry and Lorinda (Parker) Grout
b. January 29, 1863, Cavendish, Vt.
m. October 19, 1887, Emma Cooper, b. Sept. 8, 1867,
daughter of Lorinda (Lazelle) and John Tyler Cooper

of Dummerston, Vt.
 Ch. of Marshall and Emma Grout -
 Ralph, b. August 1, 1890
 m. 1927, in New York, Helen Spaulding.
 Ch. of Ralph and Helen Grout -

Ellen, b. October 26, 1929, Brattleboro, Vt.
 John, b. Feb. 3, 1931, Lancaster, Massachusetts

Marshall Grout, THE GRAND OLD MAN of the living Grouts in 1952, is 89 years old, and is still working for the Estey Organ Co., in Brattleboro, Vt., five days a week. He began work at Estey's on March 8, 1882, and has seen five generations of Estey's. Born the month that President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, he recalls veterans of the Civil War when they were young and vigorous. He remembers the assassination of James A. Garfield in 1881 "like yesterday". He can easily pass for a well preserved 70. He is agile and his eye sight is excellent. He is an interesting conversationalist, and up to date on current events. He and his wife Emma celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary October 19, 1952. A poem written by him about his memories of the old home in Cavendish, Vt. follows.

THE OLD GROUT HOMESTEAD AND MEMORIES

by

MARSHALL D. GROUT

Among the hills it stood for a hundred years or more
 This old red house with its weatherbeaten door.
 The view from the house was delightful to see,
 For over in the east stands the Mount of Old Ascutney.
 At the north, like a sentinel peaceful and still.
 Stands a lone maple tree on the top of the hill.
 The orchard and fields occupy the slopes on the west --
 These should be seen in the springtime to find them at their best.
 At the south runs the road, a well beaten track
 Where they all go out never to come back.
 The rest of the view is sky and more hills, though sometimes
 when the sun lends its assistance
 The spire of the old church can be seen on a hill in the distance.
 Such was the place where more than a hundred years ago
 Our grandparents came to, their family to grow.
 The years came and went, as they had done before,
 And one by one they all went out to come back no more.
 And now, they have had a fire and the buildings have gone too,

And all that is left is the cellar hole, the well and the view.
Did I say "All that was left was the view, the cellar hole and the well?"

Where people have lived long, fond memories dwell.
And there are memories here, some of play but more of work,
For in those old days there was no chance to shirk.
Some memories of parties where we played "The needle's eye
that doth supply the thread that runs so true it has caught
many a sturdy lad and now it has caught you".
Memory of a day's work when the hired man, Herbert and I
Went out to do some breaking up and how we got dry -
The folks being gone and the house being near,
One of us went down and came back with a jug of home made
beer.

And sitting down on the sod with our feet off the stubble
We proceeded to empty the old jug and get rid of our trouble.
The hired man drank first, then Herbert, then the hired man,
then I, then the hired man, then Herbert, then the hired
man, and we kept up 'till the thing was done -
And you can see how the hired man had two drinks where we
had only one.

With Herbert and me it has been this way all our life through,
Where we have managed to get one drink, the hired man has
always had two.

Most of my memories have to do with Herbert and I,
Whenever you saw one you knew the other was nearby.
And together we worked on this place for many a day plowing
and planting and getting in the hay.

Going over in the morning, getting up with the sun,
And coming back after dark when the day's work was done.

'Twas a life that was not easy, yet we didn't mind it
For the influence of home was always behind it.

I have been away now for more than forty years, and you may
think of me as you will,

But the dearest memories of my whole life center 'round the
old home back there on the hill.

4. Erwin Grout, son of Lorinda (Parker) and Henry Grout.
 - b. December 22, 1865
 - d. May 22, 1946
 - m. February 16, 1887, Mary Covell,
 - b. October 27, 1867
 - d. March 16, 1951
 - Ch. Carrie,
 - b. April 9, 1888
 - m. June 24, 1914, Willis Bates, who was
 - b. June 24, 1892

Ch. of Carrie (Grout) and Willis Bates

1. Erwin, b. Nov. 30, 1915; d. Dec. 6, 1936
2. Mary, b. Dec. 22, 1916; d. Dec. 23, 1916
3. Evelyn, b. April 21, 1919

m. (1) October 10, 1936, Arthur Benware

(no issue)

(2) August 4, 1941, John Antonivich

Ch. of Evelyn (Bates) and John Antonivich

1. Elaine, b. July 24, 1942
2. Willis, b. August 14, 1948

4. Dorothy, b. December 29, 1924

m. October 18, 1949, Carl Stankevich.

Ch. of Dorothy (Bates) and Carl Stankevich --

1. Erwin, b. February 27, 1949

5. Amasa Grout, son of Lorinda (Parker) and Henry Grout

b. January 31, 1870

d. February 25, 1952

m. Edith Stearns, daughter of Lodisca (Kendall) and
Lucius Stearns.

Ch. of Edith (Stearns) and Amasa Grout --

1. -Margaret, b. December 6, 1905

m. (1) November 11, 1924, Kenneth Longe

(2) July 11, 1930, Basil Pitcher

(3) March 21, 1932, William Sherman

Ch. of Margaret (Grout) and Kenneth Longe -

1. -William, b. April 7, 1930; m. Susan Maxwell.

Ch. of Margaret (Grout) and Basil Pitcher -

1. -Kendall Jay, b. September 3, 1931

Ch. of Margaret (Grout) and William Sherman -

1. -Richard Lawrence, b. March 6, 1933

2. -Roger Parker, b. September 28, 1940

All of Margaret (Grout) Sherman's children bear the name of their step-father, William Sherman.

6. Alice M. Grout, daughter of Lorinda (Parker) and Henry Grout

d. December 5, 1873, age 1 year, 3 months, 7 days.

7. Dr. Stillman Grout

son of Henry and Hattie (Proctor) Grout

b. August 8, 1878. Graduated U. V. M. July 6, 1904.

m. Elizabeth Wallace

Ch. of Dr. Stillman and Elizabeth (Wallace) Grout

Elizabeth, b. January 28, 1910

d. March 17, 1918

BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

VOLNEY GROUT

son of

Dan and Lucy [[Whitney]] Grout

and

Volney Grout's Descendants

GROUT, Volney.

Son of Dan and Lucy (Whitney)

b. December 7, 1828, Cavendish, Vermont

d. November 3, 1907, Ascutney, Vermont.

m. January 29, 1852, by Reverend Edwin A. Rice, to Martha Ann French of Cavendish, b. 1834, daughter of Sarah R. and Leonard French, Bethel, Vt.

Ref: Cavendish Book of Marriage Licenses, p. 34.

Two children were born to this marriage -

Hattie, who married Alvin Harlow October 2, 1875.

Clara Maria, who married Albert Billings April 9, 1885.

Hattie and Alvin Harlow had three children -

Mabel b. May 26, 1877, Weathersfield, Vt.

Ralph, b. May 4, 1884, Claremont, New Hampshire.

Arthur, b. April 29, 1887, Athol, Massachusetts.

Clara and Albert Billings had five children -

see Clara (Grout) Billings

Martha Ann (wife of Volney) d. April 28, 1888

Age 54 years, 4 months, 26 days.

In 1889, Volney married again, Mrs. Isabella Chase, widow of Joseph Chase, East Templeton, Massachusetts.

Volney Grout was a farmer, respected for honesty and integrity, but not prominent in public affairs. He and Martha Ann took up their life together across the fields from his father's homestead, but later purchased the farm in Weathersfield, where he was to spend the greater part of his life in the low white farm house commanding from its windows a beautiful view of Ascutney Mountain. Years ago the house burned, but the little school house at the turn of the road, where his daughter Clara taught her last term of school, is still standing.

In 1906 the farm was sold, Volney with his second wife, Isabella, retiring to a small village farm in Ascutney, Vt. He was not to enjoy retirement for long - he died November 3, 1907. He, with Martha, are buried at the Plain cemetery, in Perkinsville, Vt.

Isabella died September 14, 1929, in Ascutney, and is buried in East Templeton, Massachusetts, beside the small daughter, born to her during her first marriage.

CLARA MARIA [GROUT] BILLINGS

GROUT, Clara Maria.

daughter of Martha Ann (French) and Volney Grout.

b. September 2, 1858, Cavendish, Vermont

d. July 24, 1894, (childbirth) Perkinsville, Vt.

m. April 9, 1885, Albert Thomas Billings, b. Aug. 12, 1859
d. Mar. 11, 1946

son of Anna (Fuller) and Joshua M. Billings.

(of Nathaniel Billings line)

Ch. of Clara (Grout) and Albert Billings -

Helen Sarah, b. January 12, 1886

m. Sept. 6, 1907, Joseph Warner Osgood, son of
Carrie (White) and George Dallas Osgood.

(see Chapter on Osgood, 10th Generation)

Son, b. April 20, 1888: d. April 21, 1888.

Anna Hazel, b. March 24, 1889

Fayette Albert, March 2, 1891

William Fuller, b. July 24, 1894: d. January 6, 1904.

Albert, Clara and William buried in the Volney Grout lot at the
Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville, Vt.

— Record of Clara M. Grout as a Weathersfield Teacher -

1876 - Lime Kiln District, No 12, 8 pupils, 12 weeks.

1877 - Lime Kiln District, No 12, 6 pupils, 23 weeks

1880 - Lime Kiln District, No 12 (weeks not recorded)

1882-'83 Lime Kiln District, 9 weeks, 14 pupils, (winter)

J. M. Billings, Superintendent.

1884 - 2nd term - (two terms only in 1884)

1886, 2nd term - winter - Lime Kiln, (weeks not recorded)

1888 - 2nd term - winter - Lime Kiln, 2 terms of 13 weeks

1889-'90 - no school records found.

-Record of Clara (Grout) Billings -

1891 - Perkinsville Grammar School, District, No 1,
Fall and Winter terms.

1892 - Upham District, No 2, (3 terms of 30 weeks, 16 pupils)

1893 - Amsden District, No 8, (weeks not recorded)

Clara Grout was 18 years old when she started teaching. She was naturally left handed, but used either hand with equal dexterity. She is reported by an old Weathersfield resident as being "a most unusual teacher, really unexcelled". She died at 34 years of age.

BILLINGS, Helen Sarah,

Daughter of Clara (Grout) and Albert Billings.

- b. January 12, 1886, Weathersfield, Vermont.
 m. September 6, 1907, Claremont, N. H. Joseph Warner Osgood,
 son of Carrie (White) and George D. Osgood.
 (see OSGOOD, 10 Generation a.)

BILLINGS, Anna Hazel.

Daughter of Clara (Grout) and Albert Billings.

- b. March 24, 1889, Weathersfield, Vt.
 Randolph Normal School, Class of 1910.
 Artist.
 Teacher in northern Vermont for thirtyfive years.
 Retired to the Home farm, Perkinsville, Vt., in June 1948.
 Unmarried in 1952.

BILLINGS, Fayette Albert.

son of Clara (Grout) and Albert Billings.

- b. March 2, 1891, Weathersfield, Vermont.
 m. April 15, 1914, Ludlow, Mass., Alice M. P. Moody,
 b. March 30, 1895, Hingham, Mass.
 daughter of Sarah (Wigglesworth) and Hiram
 Moody.

Ch. of Alice (Moody) and Fayette Billings -

1. Dorothy Alice, b. July 25, 1915, Claremont, N. H.
 m. June 22, 1940, Alfred Joseph Martell,
 son of Clara (Biron) and Antoine
 Martell of Barton, Vt., and Canada.

Ch. of Dorothy (Billings) and Alfred Martell.
 Marilyn Ann, b. Sept. 29, 1942

Alfred Joseph Jr. b. Feb. 14, 1946 both
 Claremont, N. H.

Dorothy outstanding athlete, winning ribbons and cups in skating, skiing, snowshoeing, basket ball Captain, Senior Life Saver. Class Secretary three years. Stevens High School, Claremont, Class of 1935.

Dorothy and Alfred organizers and directors of Junctioneer Skating Club of 130 members, holding Ice Capers annually, on home rink, as well as exhibiting in other cities. Accomplished skaters, Dorothy and Alfred have won 1st place in all exhibitions entered 1939-1940. In 1942 they were invited, as guest skaters, to Boston Gardens.

2. Eleanor Moody Billings,

daughter of Alice (Moody) and Fayette Billings.

- b. September 26, 1917, Claremont, N. H.
 m. July 9, 1939, Claremont, Alfred M. Thoresen,
 b. June 2, 1918, son of Gustav and Anna

(Pedersen) Thoresen.

Ch. of Eleanor (Billings) and Alfred Thoresen -

Alfred Robert, b. March 13, 1943, Claremont
Eleanor outstanding in High School athletics.

Vice President of Class for three years -- Stevens High
School, Class of 1938.

Honor Student, Bay Path Business College, Springfield,
Mass. Class of 1936.

Private secretary, Sullivan Machinery Co., until married.

3. Robert Earl Billings,

son of Alice (Moody) and Fayette Billings.

b. April 5, 1919, Claremont, N. H.

m. October 10, 1943, Audrey L. Matthews, b. Sept. 20, 1925,
Marlborough, N. H. daughter of Annie
(Webb) and George Matthews.

Ch. of Audrey (Matthews) and Robert Billings-

Linda Ann, b. October 21, 1944.

Steven Robert, b. August 29, 1947.

Leslie Charlotte, b. February 23, 1952.

Stevens High School, 1937.

Entered U. S. Army, September 16, 1942.

Trained at Fort Devens, Mass.; Barkley, Texas; Cooke,
California, (desert training) Kilman, N. J.

Overseas, in England, Scotland, France, Holland, Spar
Belgium and Battle of Bulge, Hospital Service. In Ger-
many as front line combat aid man.

Serial No. 31175010 - Corporal.

BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

PART TWO
JOSEPH GROUT
OF
WATERTOWN MASSACHUSETTS
AND
HIS DESCENDANTS

GROUT, Joseph.

son of Captain John and Sarah (Cakebread) Grout

b. July 21, 1649, Sudbury, Massachusetts.

d. 1720, Sudbury.

m. about 1680, in Watertown, Susannah Hager, 6th child of
Mary (Bemis) and William Hagar.

Ch. of Joseph and Susannah Grout were—

Susanna, b. March 31, 1691.

m. March 23, 1710, Zechariah Smith who was born
May 16, 1687, son of Jonathan
and Jane (Peabody) Smith.

Joseph 2), b. February 6, 1683

m. Mary Rogers (see Joseph (2))

Mehitable, unmarried in 1720.

Joseph (1) Grout was a styled cooper and carpenter, and became one of a mining company with Hezekiah Usher of Boston, and Jacob Bullard of Watertown. He settled on the original homestead of his parents, which he sold December 10, 1655. He made his will September 1, 1720, (proved Nov 4) providing for his widow Susannah, and giving to his daughter, Mrs. Zechariah Smith, 25 pounds, and to his daughter Mehitable 50 pounds, to be paid them eight years after his death.

*Note: Mary Bemis and William Hagar were married March 20, 1648
William d. January 10, 1683-4 His will dated Jan. 10,
proved April 1, 1683-4. Mary is recorded as "an aged
woman" d. December 1695. They had 10 children.*

GROUT, Joseph (2)

son of Susannah (Hagar) and Joseph Grout.

b. February 6, 1682-3

d. 1759, Westboro, Massachusetts.

m. January 3, 1716, Mary (Harrington) Rogers, widow of Daniel, and daughter of Mary (Occinton) and Edward Harrington, of Watertown, Mass.

They lived in Watertown until 1733. March 3, 1732, he bought of Oliver Ward, for 890 pounds, a house, barn, and 75 acres of land at Westboro, where he died in 1759. His son Jonathan, as Administrator, presented an inventory of his estate, April 9, 1759, which had been reduced to 49 pounds. 18. 5 d.

Ch. of Joseph (2) and Mary (Rogers) Grout were—

Mindwell, b. November 17, 1718

d. June 8, 1741

m. November 11, 1735, Silas Brigham, son of Mary
and David Brigham of West-
boro, Massachusetts.

- Susannah, b. March 27, 1720
 d. March 17, 1816
 m. June 6, 1745, Col. Levi Brigham, brother of above
 Silas.
- Mehitable, b. February 5, 1726
 d. August 30, 1795
 m. 1749, Moses Brigham, son of Nathan Brigham
 of Southboro, Massachusetts
- Joseph (3), b. November 2, 1727
 d. August 1, 1798
 m. Sarah Rice, daughter of Seth Rice of Northboro,
 Mass.
- Jonathan, b. June 2, 1730
 d. December 3, 1801
 m. December 4, 1761, Hannah Merriam, b. April 17,
 1738, daughter of Deacon Joseph and Ruth (Hunt)
 Merriam of Grafton, Massachusetts.
- Sarah, baptized September 24, 1732, d. in infancy.
- Daniel, (who carries on this line)
 b. March 30, 1736, Westboro, Massachusetts.
 d. July 15, 1809, Acworth, N. H.
 m. November 3, 1762, Elizabeth Adams.
- Note: Edward Harrington — (Errington, Herrington, Arrington)
 m. Mary Ocinton, March 30, 1692
 Daniel Rogers d. November 5, 1711*
- Note: William Grout, son of Joseph (3) who married Sarah Rice,
 enlisted in the Revolutionary Army before he was 18, and was
 disabled from further service in the Battle of Monmouth. He
 settled in Acworth, N. H. in 1799. Lists of town officers show
 that he often held public office. He d. in Rushford, N. Y.
 He m. (1) Rebecca Woodbury Their descendants are listed,
 History of Acworth, p. 225.
 Sarah Grout sister of William, m. (1) Frederic Keyes
 (2) Eusebius Silsby
 Col. Ebenezer Grout, brother of William and Sarah, settled in
 Acworth, N. H. in 1782, d. 1850. m. Polly Houston.
 Their descendants listed p. 225 History of Acworth, N. H.
 by Rev. L. J. Merrill.*
- GROUT, Daniel.
 son of Mary (Rogers) and Joseph (2) Grout.
 (The ancestor of Revolutionary War fame of this JOSEPH
 Grout line)
- b. March 30, 1736-7, Westboro, Massachusetts.

d. July 15, 1809, Acworth, N. H.

m. November 3, 1762, Elizabeth Adams, b. March 4, 1744 -
d. August 15, 1822

Daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Hunt) Adams.

They settled on a farm between Westboro and Grafton, Mass.,
but in 1777 removed to Acworth, New Hampshire.

Ch. of Daniel and Elizabeth Grout were —

1. Alexander, b. June 6, 1772: - d. October 3, 1841.
m. Esther Fisher of Francestown, N. H.
2. Daniel, b. February 27, 1763: - d. October 2, 1802,
m. February 1, 1789, Westboro, Azubah Rockwood.
3. Andrew, b. October 24, 1764: - d. October 12, 1836.
m. Huldah Keyes, daughter of William and Hannah
(Scarborough) Keyes.

(Note: William and Hannah Keyes came from Ashford, Conn., where William was b. in 1740. In 1767, he, with two other young men were the first to settle in Acworth, N. H. In 1768 he brought his young wife Hannah and their small baby to the cabin he had built, making the journey from Ashford in an ox-cart in which was also all their household goods. They had a daughter, Philharmia: b. 1789, who married Thomas Slader, son of Hanna (Holden) and Thomas Slader. Thomas and Hanna Slader's first child, Lucinda, married Nathaniel Grout.

4. Elizabeth, b. October 23, 1766. m. Thomas Dodge, who
came to Acworth previous to 1795, but later
removed to Dorset, Vermont.
5. Molly (or Polly), b. August 26, 1768: d. June 8, 1807. m.
Amos Keyes, b. 1761, the 9th son of
Sarah (Wadkins) and Ephraim Keyes.
6. Lucy, (carries on this line)
b. August 3, 1770: d. January 8 or June 5, 1819.
m. February 19, 1793, Edward Slader, b. July 15, 1766
d. Dec. 11, 1833
son of Mehitabel (Lewis) and Samuel Slader of Acworth.
7. Nathaniel, b. July 1, 1774: - d. February 14, 1844.
m. (1) Lucinda Slader, daughter of Thomas and
Hanna (Holden) Slader
m. (2) Mary Davis.

He was for more than forty years a merchant in Acworth, and
thus lived prominently before the public. At his funeral sermon
it was said that he "sustained a character for uniform veracity,
and for uprightness and integrity in all his dealings.

He possessed a large degree of public spirit and benevolence . . .
and had the universal respect and esteem of the community."

He left a legacy of \$1000. to the Acworth Congregational Society.

8. Sally, b. August 9, 1776: - d. June 17, 1807.
 m. Gawen Gilmore Esq. who settled in Acworth in 1790
 He was a trader from 1815 to 1828: State Senator
 1823-1824. First High Sheriff of Sullivan County,
 N. H. 1827 to 1837. Elector of President and Vice
 President 1836. Justice of the Peace, 1805 to 1841,
 the time of his death.
9. John, b. May 27, 1778: d. July 4, 1838
 m. Hannah Stebbins, daughter of Hannah (Keyes)
 and Mehuman Stebbins, who were the first couple
 to be married in Acworth.
 It is recorded that "every person in town was pre-
 sent at their marriage" which was at Henry Silbsy's
 during Sabbath Service.
 Mehuman Stebbins came to Acworth from Ashford,
 Conn., about 1771.
10. Mindwell, b. August 2, 1789: d. March 27, 1812.
 m. Elisha Parks of Winchendon, Massachusetts,
 who settled in Acworth in 1799. He carried
 on extensive mill business in South Acworth
 for many years.
11. Martha (or Patty) b. December 3, 1782. m. James M.
 Warner, son of John and Mary (Marden) Warner
 of Ipswich, Mass. (Mary Marden was from Ports-
 mouth, N. H.) John and Mary were married in 1775,
 but did not settle in Acworth, N. H. until 1795.
12. Linda, b. December 28, 1785: m. Bezaleel Beckworth b.
 1780 in Alstead, N. H. settled in Acworth 1803. She
 m. (2) Isaac Prouty of Royalston.
13. Leonard, b. February 29, 1787: - d. December 19, 1790.
 Daniel Grout's posterity have more generally resided in Acworth,
 New Hampshire than any other family. Daniel himself, his son
 Alexander, his grand-son John, and his son-in-law Edward Slader,
 all served as Deacons in the Congregational Church of Acworth.
 Photographs are to be found in HISTORY OF ACWORTH com-
 piled by Rev. L. J. Merrill, to whom we are indebted for so com-
 plete a record of Daniel Grout's family.

Military Record of DANIEL GROUT

Daniel Grout appears as Sergeant in Captain Luke Drury's Company of minute Men, General Ward's Regiment, which marched on Alarm of April 19, 1775. Service 13 days.

Also —

Appears as 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Aaron Kimball's 1st Company 6th Worcester County Regiment of Massachusetts Militia. On list of officers chosen by the several companies of said regiment as returned by John Golding and other field officers, dated Westborough, April 15, 1776. Ordered in Council April 17, 1776 that said officers be commissioned.

Also —

Lieutenant in Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regiment Continental Army Pay Account for services from Jan. 1, 1777 to April 9, 1779.

Also —

Captain, List of Officers appointed to command men detached from Worcester County Militia to reinforce the Continental Army for three months agreeable to resolve of June 22, 1780.

Commissioned July 14, 1780. Said Grout to command men detached from Worcester County Militia.

Also —

Captain, Col. Enoch Hallett's Regiment, appointed July 15, 1780; discharged October 30, 1780.

MILITARY RECORD OF DANIEL GROUT, continued —

Services three months and fifteen days. Company raised to reinforce Continental Army three months.

Ref: Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol. 6, p 495

Other References -

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution, Vol. 6, p. 465

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GROUT, Lucy.

Daughter of Elizabeth (Adams) and Daniel Grout.

b. August 3, 1770; - d. January 8, 1819.

m February 19, 1793, Edward Slader, b. July 15, 1766;
d. Dec. 11, 1833.

son of Mehitable (Lewis) and Samuel Slader, who settled in Windham, Connecticut; and in Acworth N. H. in 1780. He died in 1790. Two of his sons and six of his grand-sons have represented their town or district in either branch of the Legislature. Another son named Samuel, was first Postmaster of Acworth, holding the office for thirty years. The Slader family descended from Samuel Slader who emigrated to Hingham, Massachusetts, about 1725, from one of the interior countries of England, and married Mary Wilder.

The line of MARY WILDER

who married SAMUEL SLADER in 1725, Hingham, Mass., has been traced back to English Royalty:

1. EDWARD 3, KING OF ENGLAND.
2. Edward, Duke of York, 5th son of EDWARD 3, (12 children)
3. Isabella Spencer, daughter of Duke of York,
m. Richard Beauchamp.
4. Elizabeth Beauchamp, daughter of Isabella, and great-granddaughter of EDWARD 3, m. EDWARD NEVILLE, great-grand son of EDWARD 3.
5. George Neville, son of Elizabeth and Edward, d. 1492:
m. Margaret Fenne.
6. Sir. Edward Neville, son of George and Margaret,
m. Eleanor Windsor - (beheaded 1538).
7. Mary Neville, daughter of Eleanor and Sir. Edward,
m. Henry Dingley.
8. Francis Dingley, son of Mary and Henry, m. Elizabeth Bigge.
9. John Dingley, son of Elizabeth and Francis,
m. (name not preserved)
10. Sarah Dingley, daughter of John Dingley; m. ? Ford.
11. Mary Ford, daughter of Sarah-(Dingley) Ford m. Jabez Wilder, descendant of Roger Wilder of the Mayflower.
12. MARY WILDER, daughter of Sarah (Ford) and Jabez Wilder, m. SAMUEL SLADER, who settled in Hingham, Mass. 1725.

Ref: Private papers of the late Carrie White Osgood. Research work on same done by Mrs. Anna M. C. Riley, Founder of Col. Samuel Ashley Chapter Daughters of American Revolution of Claremont, N. H.

The ch. of Lucy (Grout) and Edward Slader were—

1. Betsey, who m. Jonathan Silsby, M. D. Dartmouth Medical, 1814-1815. Practiced in Madison, N. Y. 1817
Removed to Cazenovia, N. Y. in 1818, where he practiced successfully until his death in 1831.
2. Lucy, (carries on this line) m. Nathaniel Warner, who settled

in Acworth in 1805.

3. Sally, who m. (1) David Thornton of Lempster, N. H.
(2) Charles Fay of Lempster
4. Edward A. who m. Almira Huntoon of Unity, N. H. and removed to Nashua, N. H.
5. Lucinda, who d. February 21, 1814 at 3 years of age.
6. Polly, who d. February 24, 1814 at 6 years of age.

SLADER, Lucy Grout.

Daughter of Lucy (Grout) and Edward Slader.

b. February 10, 1798: d. September 25, 1878.

m. May 29, 1823, Nathaniel Warner, b. February 27, 1797, Acworth.

d. March 24, 1882, Claremont, N. H.

Nathaniel Warner was a native of Derry, N. H. and one of fifteen children, descending on his father's side from Scotch-Irish stock. He was left an orphan at seven years of age, and found a home with an older brother in Acworth. He began business for himself in Unity, N. H. remaining there for 18 years, then moving to Paper Mill Village, Alstead, N. H. and from thence to Acworth. As a man and a citizen he was intelligent, patriotic, interested in public affairs, a kindly and obliging neighbor.

Ch. of Lucy Grout (Slader) and Nathaniel Warner were—

1. Pamela Graham, who married Rev. Lyman White
2. Milton M. who married Caroline D. Slader, daughter of Deacon Zenas and Melintha (Wilson) Slader. Melintha was a grand-daughter of John and Jane (Lynn) Wilson, who settled in Acworth in 1773.
3. Mary A. S. who married John Blanchard, son of David Blanchard b. 1788 and Betsey (Gregg) who d. February 12, 1869. John Blanchard was a descendant of George Blanchard who emigrated from England to Andover, Massachusetts.

WARNER, Pamela Graham.

Daughter of Lucy Grout Slader and Nathaniel Warner.

b. June 3, 1824: d. August 22, 1858. m. June 5, 1850, Rev. Lyman White of Roxbury, New Hampshire, who was b. July 23, 1818: d. May 31, 1889: son of John and Esther (Wheeler) White of Nelson, N. H. and grand-son of John and Lucy (Tucker) White of Mansfield. This last named John served in the Revolution, and is said to have been present when the British burned Charlestown. Rev. Lyman White graduated from Dartmouth College, Class of 1846, and from Andover, Massachusetts, 1849. He preached at Epping, N. H. five years: Easton, Massachusetts five years: Phillipston, Massachusetts, eight years: Pembroke N.

H. four and a half years.

Ch. of Pamela (Warner) and Lyman White were—

1. Mary, who d. at three years,
2. Carrie Amelia Warner, b. May 6, 1852, Easton, Massachusetts.
d. February 26, 1938, Claremont, N. H.
m. October 18, 1882, George D. Osgood of Claremoht.
(see Osgood 9th generation)

The town of Acworth is described as being almost a square, $6\frac{1}{2}$ X $5\frac{3}{4}$ miles, commanding from its hills some of the most beautiful views in the State. THE OLD CHURCH ON THE HILL, subject of a beautiful poem written by Carrie White Osgood, stands 1397 feet above the sea.

This territory was once claimed by Massachusetts, according to the Masonian Charter which used the Merrimac River as a boundary line. The controversy was finally decided in favor of New Hampshire. The name of Acworth was probably given to the town in honor of Lord Acworth, a friend of Governor Benning Wentworth. The first settlers (1767) were three young men from Ashford, Connecticut; they settled a farm which was later owned and occupied by the Hon. Jesse Slader. These men were followed by more from Connecticut, so that they eventually wielded a large influence in the town; and as most of them were progenitors of a numerous posterity, a large proportion of the town for two or three generations could claim relationship to these early settlers from Connecticut.

In 1772, in the town there were 13 houses, (probably log houses) 1 barn, 1 gristmill, 1 saw-mill, 8 miles of carriage road, and perhaps 25 legal voters.

Col. Ebenezar Grout settled on "Grout Hill" in 1782, and for the first twenty years after, the settlers came largely from Londonderry, New Hampshire, except for a few influential families, such as the Keyeses, Sladers, and Silsby's, who came from Conn., the Grout's from Massachusetts. Nathaniel Warner came from Derry; for several years the emigration came from New Boston, Weare and surrounding towns, settling mainly on "Grout Hill". Studying old records of these families, one is constantly impressed with the fact that they had only the families of each other into which to marry - relationship must have been a bit perplexing at times - this Compiler found it true.

It was at that time, in many respects, more of an undertaking for a young wife to leave her parents in Connecticut, or in Massachusetts, and follow her pioneer husband into the forests of Acworth, than it is now to cross the United States to the Pacific coast. These women were worthy mates of daring husbands, and

many are the tales of their courage and fearlessness in facing the privations and hardships of the age in which they lived.

The Governor of New Hampshire had claimed what is now the State of Vermont as part of New Hampshire, and had granted numerous town charters within that territory. The dispute was settled in 1764 by a Royal order extending the jurisdiction of New York to the Connecticut River. The colony of New York now claimed the territory that is Vermont, thus producing discontent throughout the valley of the Connecticut, and some movements were made to erect a new State to be called New Connecticut.

To prevent this movement, in March 1778, Vermont admitted sixteen towns on the west side of the river to representation in her Legislature, but gave up upon the remonstrance of New Hampshire.

However strongly the people of Acworth may have felt upon this subject, they did not act officially until December 11, 1780 when, in connection with Lempster and Unity, they chose Daniel Grout to represent them in the General Assembly of New Hampshire, raising at the same time a large committee to instruct him whether to go, and upon what conditions.

The population of Acworth nearly doubled between 1790 and 1800, as will be seen by reference to the census.

Samuel Slader kept a hotel in a large square house at the corner of the common; the only house south of the tavern was Nathaniel Warner's—later Dr. Grout's.

The spotted fever of 1812 was the most fatal epidemic ever known in Acworth, just as it was in Weathersfield, Vt., previously mentioned; few families escaped without loss of one or more members, and by spring fifty-five people had died of the disease.

Among the first merchants of Acworth we find John and Nathaniel Grout: M. M. Warner: Nathaniel & D. J. Warner: Warner, Woodbury & Archer; Warner & Archer: D. J. & M. M. Warner: as proprietors. The Acworth Boot & Shoe Co., was owned by John Blanchard, who married Mary A. S. Warner.

Thousands have, in the years since the first settlers came, gone forth from Acworth hills to assist in developing the resources of the great west.

That the Grout's Slader's and Warner's gave much to the life of the community is attested to by the number of times their names appear on the records. Between 1770 and 1870, among the names of Acworth Selectmen, the name of Warner appears twice - Grout eleven, and Slader twenty one times.

From 1780 to 1885 Town Moderators were twice Daniel Grout, and seven times a Slader.

List of Town Clerks 1810 to 1866 contain a Slader name once, a Warner twice.

The Town Treasurer list from 1784 to 1867 has a Grout three times, Slader twice and Warner once.

An early school teacher recorded was Corinna Slader.

Representatives from Acworth to the Legislature contain the names of four Grout's, four Slader's, one Warner; with one Slader as Representative to the Legislature from Nashua, N. H.

Justice of the Peace - two Grout's one Slader and one Warner.

On lists of Commanders of several military companies we find- Col. Ebenezar Grout: Ebenezar Grout Jr: James Warner; Lieut. Col. Jesse Slader: Daniel J. Warner.

November 25, 1867, the citizens of Acworth voted to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the settlement of the town. A list of officers to prepare for the day has been preserved, and it is interesting to note that on that list appear eight Slader, nine Warner and six Grout names. A song entitled "One Hundred Years Ago" was written by Zenas Slader for the occasion and sung by all. Rev. Daniel Lancaster, speaking with admiration and respect of those men of an earlier day, included the names of Nathaniel Grout: Deacon Edward Slader: William Grout: Col. Ebenezar Grout. Dr. William Grout of Loraine County, Ohio, reported as as having the largest practice in that county, was one of the speakers of the day.

During the Revolutionary War Acworth lay very near to the war-path by which the New Hampshire Militia flocked to cut off the advance of Gen. Burgoyne's Army into New York, and her hardy sons in great numbers joined the eager Militia; they were among the so-called "back woodsmen" of New Hampshire, who showed at Bennington, Stillwater and Saratoga, what so many had doubted, that the Militia could face the British soldiery without protection of entrenchments. The quota for Acworth was five, and five years previous she had had only 25 voters. On the list of that small company under Captain Bellows are two of the Grout names.

In the War of 1812, several from Acworth enlisted; the greatest excitement however, was in 1814. September 7, orders were issued for detachments from 23 regiments of Militia to march immediately to Portsmouth for its defense. So great was the enthusiasm that whole companies were eager to go in a mass. A draft had to be made to see who should stay, rather than to see who should go. On the list of September 25 second regiment of detached militia, are the names of James M. Warner as Captain,

and Benjamin Grout as Sergeant.

In the War of the Rebellion, all quotas in Acworth were filled. There are Slader's, Grout's and Warner's on the lists - two of the Grout's giving their lives.

Austin Grout, son of John and Hannah (Allen) Grout, was mustered into Company C, in the 6th Vermont Regiment, October 15, 1861, at the age of 25 years. He fought his first and last battle at Lee's Mills, near Yorktown, Virginia, April 16, 1862, being shot through the body in that engagement. After being wounded he helped in removing a comrade who had fallen in the battle - his last act was to reload his rifle though obliged to rest against a tree while doing so. He fell, exclaiming, "I am killed. Go on Boys, I have done the best I could." His service, though short, was sufficient to prove him to be the material of which heroes are made. In making his grave near Yorktown, relics of a Continental soldier were dis-entombed, and his dust now mingles with a patriot of the Revolution.

Harrison Grout was a second and the youngest son of John and Hannah Grout. He too was a member of Company C, 6th Vermont Regiment. He was mustered into service October 15, 1861. He was in the fierce struggle at Lee's Mills that day his brother was killed and narrowly escaped death, a man on either side of him being shot down. He was dis-abled soon after, and died in the Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, at 21 years of age.

George M. Warner, son of Maria (Kenyon) and Stanforth Warner, enlisted for three months in a Vermont Regiment, served his time out and re-enlisted in the Harris Light Cavalry of New York, in General Kilpa'r'ck's corp. He was in the Battle of Gettysburg, where his horse was shot from under him, and himself taken prisoner, but he was recaptured by our troops. He participated in the various raids, skirmishes and battles under Kilpatrick until taken prisoner, August 3, 1864, and sent to Libby Prison, where he died soon after at 20 years.

The registerer of Homesteads in Acworth contains the following family names.

Range No. 1.

Lot No. 9 - Zenas Slader: Norman G. Slader.

Lot No. - 10 - Zenas Slader.

Lot No.- 11 - William Warner: Hugh P. Warner: Barnet F. Warner

Range No 2,

Lot No. 7 - John S. Osgood: William Warner: Daniel Warner:

Mrs. Betsey Warner

Lot No. 13 - (1869) Jesse Slader.

Lot No. 14 (1869) John Grout.

Lot No. 16 - Andrew Grout.

Range No. 3.

Lot No. 1. - Samuel Osgood.

Lot No 3. - John Osgood: John Osgood Jr: Joseph Osgood:
Mary and Sarah Osgood.

Lots No. 7 and 8 - Stephen Warner.

Lot No. 9. - John L. Slader.

Lot No. 13 - John L. Slader.

Range No. 4. - Dustin G. Osgood.

Lot No. 11. - Daniel Grout Esq. Alexander Grout.

Range No. 5.

Lot No. 4. - Dustin G. Osgood.

Lot No. 5 - Lewis Slader: Orville L. Slader.

Lot No. 6. - James M. Warner: George M. Warner.

Lot No. 10 - Dr. Daniel Grout: John Grout: Nathaniel Grout:
Nathaniel Warner: Samuel Slader: Corinna Slader.

Lot No. 12 - Solomon Grout.

Lot No. 13. - Daniel Warner.

Range No. 6.

Lot No. 4 - Ebenezer Grout Jr.

Lot No. 5 - William Osgood: Thomas Slader Esq. Thomas Slader Jr.

Lot No. 9 - James M. Warner.

Lot No. 10 - Mrs. Maryette Warner.

Lot No. 11 - Daniel Warner.

Range No. 7

Lots No. 8 and 9 - Samuel Slader.

Range No. 8.

Lot No. 6 - William Grout Esq. Benjamin Grout Jr.

Lot No. 7 - Benjamin Grout: Col. Ebenezer Grout: Ebenezer
Grout Jr.

Lot No, 10 - Andrew Grout: Frederic Grout.

Range No. 9.

Lot No. 10. - Samuel Slader: Edward Slader Esq.

It is readily to be seen that the families of Grout, Slader, Warner and Osgood must have wielded quite an influence in the Acworth community.

Note:

The fore-going list containing Osgood names raises the question - when did the Osgood's arrive in Acworth? (see Osgood, 3d generation) i. e

Deacon Hooker Osgood, who married Mary Wheelock.

John, son of Hooker and Mary, married Sarah Sullendine and removed to Stoddard, N. H.

John (2), son of John and Sarah (Sullendine) Osgood, married Sarah Downe, settled in Acworth, had 10 children.

John (3), son of John and Sarah (Downe) Osgood, married Roxanna Gee, settled in Acworth, had 7 children, two of whom, sons, were Acworth farmers.

When did they arrive in Charlestown, N. H.?

William, another son of John and Mary (Sullendine) Osgood, born in 1759, married Mary Crackbone. He was said to have been a shoe-maker in Sudbury, Mass., but having bought property in Canada, started with his family to occupy it. He reached North Charlestown, N. H. in mid-winter, and, becoming snow-bound was forced to take up residence with one Hubbard Glidden. He liked the town so well, that he brought a farm in the eastern part and permanently settled. Had six children. What he eventually did with the Canada property is not told.

CARRIE (WHITE) OSGOOD, wife of George D. Osgood, and mother of Joseph Osgood, Mary Fitch, Dorothy Richardson, and Edith (Clark) Locklin, was the daughter of Pamlia (Warner) and the Rev. Lyman White. She was born in Easton, Massachusetts, but her mother dying when she was but three months old, she was brought to her maternal grandparents in Acworth, where she spent her childhood, so she can be called a daughter of Acworth. In 1872 she entered Stevens High School in Claremont, graduating with the Valedictory.

Shortly after, her first poetical attempts appeared in local papers, *The Youths Companion*, *St. Nicholas* and *Harper's Magazine*, and in *POETS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE* published in 1893, she was recognized by the appearance of five poems.

For some years she annually composed a poem for the old Home Day at Acworth, and as her father was once the preacher in Acworth's beautiful old Church, we present here her poem written for the celebration, September 5, 1913.

THE OLD CHURCH ON THE HILL



The day's long task is over, the west is faintly red,
The summer stars are brightening in clusters
overhead.

I sit to muse and ponder while the world is dim
and still,
And memory gently pictured the old church on
the hill.

Like a bishop in his vestments, seated high a-
above the town,
On the labor and the laughter calmly ever it
looked down;
With a silence and a blessing, as to guard from
fear and ill
Every quiet home below it, watched the old
church on the hill.

Green the hillside spread around it, blue the sky above it beamed,
Like a golden bird of Paradise the vane upon it gleamed;
Lofty windowed, many storied, clothed in white from spire to sill,
A beacon widely shining was the old church on the hill.

Ran the little lads and lassies, from the weary school let out,
They broke its weekday stillness with merry call and shout:
The blue-eyed grass glanced brightly, the strawberry glowed to fill
The eager brown hands gleaming by the old church on the hill.

In quietness and beauty dawned the day of peace and rest,
All the world was newly vested, as the Sabbath were a guest;
Into rills of golden sunshine summer seemed to over spill
When its bell rang invitation to the old church on the hill.

Came the parson in his broadcloth, somewhat stately, and yet kind;
Came the deacon, riding staidly his old white horse behind;
Came the maiden and the matron, each to each with grave good
will

Giving smile and friendly handclasp at the old church on the hill.

We, the children, sat demurely, bribed by dill or peppermint,
Governing our acts unseemly at the lifted eyebrow's hint,
Smoothing down with careful fingertips the Sunday ruff and frill,
While the ponderous sermon sounded through the old church on
the hill.

We marked the shadow climb the wall, the drowsy palm leaf sway,
We nodded - of a sudden said the preacher "Let us pray".

Then we rose to face the singers, how they sang with tune and trill
"Antioch" and "Loving Kindness" in the old church on the hill.

In changing years to what a throng its doors have opened wide!
The white-haired saint, the toddling child, the widow and the bride!
When through all the stricken village ran that cold and awful thrill,
Men wept for Martyred Lincoln in the old church on the hill.

It set its bell a-swinging against the noonday sun
To tell the weary toilers that half their task was done.
The sleeping child awaking when the wintry winds were shrill
Heard the curfew faintly ringing from the old church on the hill.

Like a bishop in his vestments, seated high above the town,
On the labor and the laughter ever calmly it looks down,
Through the springtime's filmy greenness, through the autumn's
frosty chill,
As it looked when we remember the old church on the hill.

Green the hillside spreads around it, blue the sky above it beams,
Though we part and though we wander, so we see it in our dreams,
It shall follow us with blessing down the path of life until
We need no more the memory of the old church on the hill.

ALLIED FAMILIES

OSGOOD FAMILY ANCESTRY



THE OSGOOD FAMILY

DERIVATION OF THE NAME

The name "Osgood" is of Saxon or Norse origin and in derivation may perhaps be compared with Osbert, Osmund etc. the syllable "Os" meaning in Anglo Saxon, God e. g. Osbert, as handsome as a god. The name is found in several forms: Osgod: Osgot: Latinized Osgotus: Osegood: Ossgood: and Osgood. Osgood's are mentioned in Domesday Book as holding lands in a number of counties, and in Wiltshire Osgot was a "tenant in capite", that is, he held his lands direct from the King and was probably a person of some consequence. The family is found mostly in Hampshire and Wiltshire.

Ref: - Howard L. Osgood, Esq., in Descendants of John, William and Christopher Osgood.

The Osgood's for a Century or two before emigration of John Osgood, belonged to the yeomanry (i. e. farmers a class which has been called 'the backbone of England' but it is one which did not make much noise in the world, and the history and deeds of its individual members are not often recorded in the annals of time.

Osgot of Wiltshire, mentioned as a "tenant in capite", is mentioned as one of the "King's Thanes" and means a person of dignity, a great landed proprietor.

Ref: Mr. Osgood Field in above mentioned Osgood book. Mr. Field goes on to say, "The ship Confidence sailed from Southampton for New England, and the following names occur in the list of her passengers, dated 14th of April 1638 - Sarah Osgood of Herrell (Wherwell) . . . four children, together with William Osgood and William Jones, both children under 11 years of age, and Margery Packe, Servant." . . . "This Sarah was undoubtedly the wife of John Osgood, for we next find John Osgood's name among the persons who were admitted freemen in Massachusetts on the 23d of May, 1639. Soon after, he settled in Andover, Massachusetts, which place was so named by its first inhabitants from and of the principal towns in Hampshire, in the vicinity of which lies Wherwell, less than 4 miles distant."

'There is no warrent for assuming that there was any NEAR 'consanguinity of blood' between these three early Osgood Emigrants to New England. John Osgood was from Wherwell, County of Hampshire, England: Christopher Osgood of Ipswich, Massachusetts, from Marlborough, Wiltshire: while in regard to the English home of William Osgood of Salisbury, nothing definite is known.'

Note: The will of the above John Osgood is copied in the volume DESCENDANTS OF JOHN, WILLIAM AND CHRISTOPHER OSGOOD, p. 6. A copy of this volume is owned by William E. Osgood of Claremont, N. H.

—DESCRIPTION OF THE COAT-OF-ARMS—

In a book entitled "Guilliam's System of Heraldry", in all its parts, published in 1728, may be found the description of the Coat-of-Arms, which reads thus: "Benjamin Osgood, Esq., one of the Captains of the Blue Regiments of trained bands in the city of London, bears: Argent, three garbs, in a double tressure, flory counter-flory, Gules; on a helmet suitable to the degree of an esquire, mantled gules, doubled Argent, a torse Argent and gules, thereon a Demi Lion rampant proper, supporting a garb gules." It is further stated in the aforesaid book that these arms were granted to Benjamin, by King James Stuart, First, of England and Scotland, as a coat augmentation and concession, as displayed in the border (flory, counter-flory), being a part of the Arms of Scotland, which concession was only given in cases of military merit. This episode in the Osgood family, is as worthy of commemoration as any event recorded in this memorial and is given for that reason.

Ref: Alfred Osgood, One of the Committee of Publication of Osgood Descendants, by Ira Osgood, Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Osgood FIRST Generation

JOHN OSGOOD of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, was b. in the Parish of Wherwell (pronounced Harrell), Hampshire, England, July 23, 1595. He d. in Andover, Massachusetts, Oct. 24, 1651. He married in England, about 1627, Sarah - - who died April 8, 1667.

Children -

Sarah, b. in England, 1629.

John, b. in England, about 1630.

Mary b. in England, 1633.

Elizabeth, b. in England, 1635-6; Baptized at Wherwell, October 14, 1636.

Stephen, b. in Ipswich or Newbury, Massachusetts. 1638.

Hannah, b. in Andover, Massachusetts, 1644.

John Osgood upon his arrival in New England, which was undoubtedly in 1638, lived for a time at Ipswich, but chose Newbury as a place of residence. There he remained until his removal and settlement at Andover, which occurred in, or just previous to 1645. That he had early determined to remove from Newbury, which

was already over crowded, is shown by the fact that he was one of the petitioners for, and chairman of the committee to obtain a settlement at Winnacunnet, now Hampton, New Hampshire. He is named as one of ten members, freeholders, (as required by law to constitute a church) who formed a church organization, Oct. 24, 1645, his name second on the list, given in order of their signing. He is mentioned in land deeds November 23, 1650. In 1651, he was sent as first Representative to the General Court from Andover, his sickness and death preventing his attending any but the May session. He was evidently a man useful to the community, and honored by his townsmen.

The earliest Parish Register of Wherwell, England, dates from 1634. On November 14, 1636, the baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah Osgood is recorded. The name of Osgood does not appear again on the Wherwell Register for above fifty years.

SECOND Generation

STEPHEN OSGOOD, son of John and Sarah, of Andover, Mass., b. about 1638 in Ipswich or Newbury, Massachusetts, was a farmer. He took the oath of freeman at Andover, May 19, 1669. He married October 24, 1663, Mary Rooker. He d. January 15, 1690-1 of small-pox. His will dated January 13, 1690-1, was proved March 31, 1691.

Children:

Stephen, b. March 11, 1665: d. October 1, 1667.

Hooker. b. August 24, 1668: d. January 29, 1748.

Stephen, b. August 17, 1670: d. 1749.

Joseph, b. June 1, 1673.

Mary, b. December 23, 1677: d. March 4, 1677 or 1678.

THIRD Generation

HOOKE OSGOOD, son of Mary (Hooker) and Stephen Osgood b. August 24, 1668, Andover, Massachusetts.

d. January 29, 1748, Lancaster, Massachusetts.

m. April 26, 1692. Dorothy Wood.

Ch born in Lancaster—

1. Hooker (Deacon) b. March 26, 1693: d. 1765: m. Mary Wheelock, had eight ch. all born in Lancaster.

2. Joshua, b. September 2, 1694; (see 4th generation)

3. Jonathan, b. September 16, 1696: d. February 10, 1766 m. Asenath Sawyer, had eight children. Lancaster and Sterling, Massachusetts.

4. David, b. October 8, 1698: d. 1771.

5. Benjamin, b. May 21, 1700: d. October 29, 1789. Keene, N. H.

- m. Hannah Divoll, had six children, b. in Lancaster, Mass., or Keene, N. H.
6. Moses, b. 1702: d. 1776. Lancaster, Mass. m. Martha Powers. had eight children.
 7. Aaron, b. 1706: m. May 15, 1729, Eunice White, Lancaster m. March 6, 1754, Hannah Warner, Lancaster, removed to Whitehall, N. Y. had 10 children by first marriage: six by second wife.
 8. Dorothy, b. 1707: m. Josiah Whitcomb. Descendants are to be in Swanzey N. H.
 9. Elizabeth, b. 1709: m. Thomas Sawyer, Lancaster
 10. Sarah, b. 1710: m. John Divoll, Lancaster. had 3 children.

Hooker Osgood was a sadler, by trade. Removed from Andover to Lancaster. Whether he at that time became a permanent settler is unknown, but he bought land there in 1710 and in 1714, and was Selectman in 1715. Was extremely active in town affairs.

FOURTH Generation

- JOSHUA OSGOOD, (son of Dorothy (Wood) and Hooker Osgood
 b. September 2, 1694: d. January 31, 1753.
 m. December 20, 1722, Ruth Divoll who d. May 28, 1782.
 Ch. of Joshua and Ruth (Divoll) Osgood—
1. Joshua, b. April 13, 1724: "d. young"
 2. Ephraim, b. January 22, 1726: d. 1787. m. Abigail Houghton, had five children: lived in Shutesbury and Princeton, Massachusetts
 3. Ruth, b. November 22, 1727: d. January 10, 1805. m. June 6, 1753, Phineas Houghton of Lancaster; had eleven children.
 5. Sarah, b. December 7, 1729: "d. Young."
 6. William, b. August 20, 1732: (see fifth generation)
 7. Asahel, b. March 23, 1735: d. July 21, 1812. m. January 15, 1767, Hannah Wilder, of Barre, Mass.; had nine children.
 8. Abel, b. April 25, 1738: d. March 9, 1814. m. Eunice Holland; had six children.
 9. Sarah. b. December 7, 1740: (no further record)
 10. Manasseh, b. April 30, 1745: d. at the old homestead in Barre, Mass., m. April 1770, Mehitable Clark; had ten children.
 11. Lemuel, b. November 6, 1747: d. October 23, 1821. Farmer of Wardsborough, Vt. m. Lydia Merrifield, Holliston, Mass. had ten children.

Joshua, b. August 10, 1749: d. July 28, 1828. m. October 1772, Polly Batchelder of Topsfield, Mass. They lived in Keene, N. H. and Sullivan, N. H. Had nine children. Joshua and Ruth Osgood lived on a farm in Leominster, Mass., but about 1726 bought a farm in Barre, Massachusetts, and probably removed there at that time.

FIFTH Generation

WILLIAM OSGOOD, (son of Ruth (Divoll) and Joshua Osgood) b. August 20, 1732, Barre, Massachusetts: d. October 4, 1823, Cabot, Vermont: m. June 3, 1756, Hepsibath Dunton, who d. October 31, 1809. They removed from Barre, Mass., to Claremont, N. H. in 1775; and thence in 1794 to Cabot, Vt. He was a farmer; his family was the largest of the Lancaster branch of the Osgood Family. There were fourteen children, the nine eldest born in Barre; the other five in Claremont, N. H.

1. William, b. January 17, 1760. (see 6th generation)
2. Thomas, b. August 1, 1761: d. November 10, 1843. He was Town Clerk at Cabot, Vt., from 1796 to 1832. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. m. (1) Sarah Kirtland, who d. Jan. 23, 1817. m. (2) Mrs. Shepley. Had eleven children by first wife.
3. Levi, b. April 25, 1763: d. 1812, Peacham, Vt. Farmer. m. Peggy Fife, who d. Queensbury, N. Y. in 1832. Had five children.
4. Abijah, b. February 23, 1765: d. April 17, 1826, Randolph, Vt. m. (1) Betsey Sprague, d. May 4, 1811. m. (2) Abigail Graw, d. December 25, 1818; Had eight children by 1st wife, four by 2nd wife.
5. Mary, b. February 5, 1767: d. 1793: m. Joshua Chase, farmer, of Cornish, Vt.
6. Sarah, b. February 17, 1769: d. July 2, 1839. m. Joseph Fisher, farmer, Cabot, Vermont. Had seven children
7. Amasa, b. September 18, 1771: d. 1811, Cabot, Vt. m. Jan. 1798. Sally Russell: Had three children. Amasa was a farmer.
8. Joshua, b. January 18, 1773: Barre, Mass., d. April 23, 1820, in Cabot, Vt. m. Lucy Russell, had five children.
9. David, b. November 5, 1774, Barre, Mass; d. May 29, 1848 at Elizabethtown, N. Y. m. Rhoda Hall of Claremont, N. H. Had four children.
10. Solomon W. b. 1776, Claremont, N. H. Farmer. d. October 18, 1845, at Cabot, Vt. m. Ruth Marsh. Had six children.
11. John, b. 1779, Claremont, N. H. Farmer. m. (1) Lydia Collins.

- m. (2) Peggy Nesmith. One child, b. Randolph, Vt.
12. Samson (Deacon) b. July 28, 1783, Claremont, N. H.
d. May 5, 1851, Cabot, Vt. Farmer and Deacon in
the Congregational Church. m. (1) Hannah Perry, who d. 1812
m. (2) Eleanor Randall, d. 1842
m. (3) Mrs. Bailey.
Had six children all by 1st wife.
13. Hepsibath, b. 1787; d. 1855; m. Edward Gilman of Ogden and
Byron, N. Y. Had seven children.
14. Anna, d. June 26, 1866; m. David Haines, farmer, Cabot, Vt.
Had two children.

SIXTH Generation

WILLIAM OSGOOD,

son of Hepsibath (Dunton) and William Osgood

- b. January 17, 1760, Cabot, Vt. d. Oct. 4, 1823, Newport, N. H.
m. December 6, 1781, Priscilla Stone, b. June 9, 1752:
d. February 22, 1842, Claremont, N. H.

William was the oldest child of Hepsibath and William,
and after his marriage to Priscilla Stone, they settled in
Newport, N. H. on wild land which he cleared and made into a
farm.

Children of William and Priscilla—

1. Susannah, b. March 22, 1782; d. Mar. 25, 1856, Newport, N. H.
2. William, b. February 26, 1784: (see 7th generation)
3. James, b. August 15, 1786; d. June 24, 1866, Alpena, Mich.
m. (1) Sept. 1809, Prudence Farrington, of Claremont,
N. H. m. (2) April 2, 1815, Sophie Young, of
Goshen, N. H.

He was a carpenter of Crown Point, N. Y. and Alpena, Mich.
Had eleven children by his 1st wife.

4. Lemuel, b. January 30, 1789; Farmer, Newport, N. H.
m. (1) 1814 Hannah Baker, Newport, who d. 1816.
m. (2) 1817, Hannah Spaulding, Hancock, N. H.
One child by first wife.
5. Priscilla, b. April 20, 1791; d. January 6, 1870.
m. James Baker, Newport, N. H. Farmer. No Issue.
6. Matthias, b. April 26, 1794; d. July 18, 1865.
7. Lydia, d. January 7, 1858; m. Phineas Chapin of Newport,
N. H. Had seven children.

Priscilla (Stone) Osgood was the daughter of Matthias Stone and
his wife Susannah. He was active in Claremont affairs, Modera-
tor and Selectman 1774 to '76. One to the signers of Association
Test, May 30, 1776. Town Meeting Committee, August 6, 1786.

Chosen as delegate to Exeter, N. H. convention, February 8, 1788 to consider Constitution of United States. Moderator and Selectman 1774 to 1782. b. Watertown, Mass., removed to Claremont, N. H. 1770. His farm was what is now Maple Ave., in Claremont. d. Cabot, Vt. 1814. (see Stone Family)

SEVENTH Generation

WILLIAM OSGOOD,

son of Priscilla (Stone) and William Osgood.

b. February 26, 1784; d. February 25, 1866: Claremont, N. H.

m. Susannah Field, daughter and sixth child of Richard and Rebecca (Harris) Field, and 15th generation from Roger Del Field, of Sowerby, England, 1240. Richard Field was burned to death on Bible Hill, Claremont, N. H. Dec. 18, 1804. Rebecca d. January 12, 1831. (see Field Family)

Ch. of Susannah (Field) and William Osgood—

1. William, b. 1809, West Lebanon, N. H. d. October 4, 1859.

m. Eliza McKenney of Vershire, Vt. who d. 1863.

Had five children.

2. Lois, b. 1812: Claremont, N. H. m. October 15, 1835,

Benjamin F. Severence, Shoemaker. Had four children.

3. Joseph W: b May 9, 1815. (see eighth generation)

4. Lucia, b. 1818: d. 1859 (unmarried)

5. Charles, b 1820: Carpenter m. Sarah Jones, Charlestown, Mass.

6. Matthias, b. 1823: d. June 21, 1882. Carpenter, Lawrence, Mass. m. Feb. 14, 1854, Mary Sargent of Lawrence, Mass.

7. Lyman F. b. 1825: d. October 29, 1869. Claremont, N. H. Carpenter. m. October 1, 1852, Eliza F. Smart, Croydon, N. H. Had four children—

1. Augusta B., b. 1856: d. 1857.

2. Edwin B., b. Sept. 19, 1859: d. Oct. 3, 1934.

Well known Claremont Carpenter and Shingler.
m. Linda Sargeant, b. Mar. 13, 1860: d. Feb. 6, 1947.

3. Sarah, U. b. Oct. 21, 1863:

4. Willie, b. May 8, 1872: d. July 16, 1872.

EIGHTH Generation

JOSEPH W. OSGOOD,

son of Susannah (Field) and William Osgood.

b. May 9, 1815: d. May 19 1898: m. Esther Knights in 1839.

He was a carpenter in Claremont, N. H. and was 6ft - 3 in tall

Ch. of Esther (Knights) and Joseph Osgood, all b. in Claremont.

1. Jennette. b. July 29, 1840: d. July 6, 1842.
2. Avice M. b. 1842: d. Feb. 3, 1926, Claremont, N. H.
 m. Nathan Stane, native of Australia. (no issue)
 Both buried Springfield, Illinois, their home for many years.
3. George Dallas, b. August 26, 1844. (see ninth generation)
4. Jennette E. b. 1847: d. Sept. 2, 1879.
5. Emily L. b. July 24, 1850: d. Sept 6, 1915, Harwick, Mass.
6. Arnott G. b. 1852: d. Sept. 1, 1854.
7. Susan F. b. March 19, 1855: d. July 3, Boston, Mass.
 m. (1) B. F. Haven, No. Newport, N. H.
 m. (2) Fred Loater, W. Windsor, Vt.
 (no issue, either marriage)
8. Esther M. b. June 29, 1858: d. March 12, 1888 (unmarried)

NINTH Generation

GEORGE DALLAS OSGOOD,

son of Joseph W. and Esther (Knights) Osgood

b. August 16, 1844: d. January 3, 1907. Claremont, N. H.
 m. October 18, 1882, Carrie Amelia Warner White. (see Warner)
 George Dallas Osgood was a building contractor of superior skill. Many of the better type houses in Claremont stand today as a monument to his ability and his integrity.

Children of George and Carrie Osgood are—

Joseph Warner, m. Helen Billings.

(see Living Generations, Tenth Generation (a))

Mary Esther Osgood, m. Maurice Fitch.

see Tenth Generation (b)

Edith Slader, m. (1) Maurice Clark.

(2) Albert Locklin. see Tenth Generation (c)

Grace Dorothy, m. Charles Richardson.

see Tenth Generation (d)

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LIVING GENERATIONS

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TENTH Generation [[a]]

- OSGOOD, Joseph Warner,
 son of George D. and Carrie (White) Osgood
 b. September 6, 1883, Claremont, N. H.
 m. September 6, 1907, by Rev. J. M. Wathen, Claremont, N. H.
 to Helen Sarah Billings, daughter of Albert Thomas and Clara
 (Grout) Billings of Weathersfield, Vermont.
 Ch. of Helen (Billings) and Joseph Osgood—
 1. George Albert - (see generation 11 - (1))
 2. Evelyn Carol - (see 11 - (2))
 3. William Edwin - (see - 11 - (3))
 4. John Hazen - (see - (4))

TENTH GENERATION (b)

- OSGOOD, Mary Esther.
 daughter of George D. and Carrie W. Osgood
 b. January 1, 1887, Claremont N. H.
 m. May 20, 1909, by Rev. J. M. Wathen, Maurice Alfred Fitch,
 son of Almina (Deming) and James Fitch, of Cornish, N. H.
 Ch. of Mary (Osgood) and Maurice Fitch—
 b - 1. Alfred Osgood Fitch, b. Feb. 3, 1911, Claremont, N. H.
 m. April 8, 1939, by Rev. Dr. Dun-
 ham, Marion Louise Whitaker,
 daughter of Frank E. and Etta M.
 (Nichols) Whitaker, Braintree, Mass.
 Ch. of Marion (Whitaker) and Alfred Fitch—
 Marjorie Louise, b. June 13, 1940, Weymouth, Mass.
 Barbara May, b. January 1, 1943, Milton, Mass.
 Kenneth Alfred, b. February 5, 1946, Weymouth, Mass.
 Military Record of Alfred Fitch
 Sergeant, 1948, Massachusetts National Guard.
 Captain, 1941 - 1946, Massachusetts State Guard.
 Sergeant, 1932 - 1940, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve (Air Corps)
 Army Serial No. 21265721
 b - 2. Rosemary Deming Fitch
 daughter of Mary (Osgood) and Maurice Fitch.

- b. March 31, 1913, Claremont, N. H.
- m. June 11, 1938, Braintree, Massachusetts, by Rev. Caleb Justice, Edward Paul Long, son of Fanny (Dell) and Edward O. Long.

Children of Rosemary (Fitch) and Edward Long —
 Jacqueline May, b. May 10, 1940, Weymouth, Mass.
 Joanne Rosemary, b. Sept. 21, 1941, Weymouth, Mass.
 Edward Maurice, b. August 5, 1944, Milton, Mass.

- b - 3. Warner Maurice Fitch,
 son of Mary (Osgood) and Maurice Fitch.
 b. November 28, 1914, Claremont, N. H.
 m. July 30 1939, East Braintree, Massachusetts, by Rev. Edward J. Harrington, Mary Aloysia Parnell, daughter of Ellen (Chafe) and James A. Parnell,
 Ch. of Mary (Parnell) and Warner Fitch —
 Robert Warner, b. March 14, 1940, Boston, Massachusetts.
 Ronald Alfred, b. May 7, 1943, Boston, Mass.
 Wanda Mary, b. May 14, 1945, Boston, Mass.
 (Robert Warner, Radio and T. V. Child Entertainer) 5th place Boston Musical Festival 1952

TENTH GENERATION (c)

- OSGOOD, Edith Slader
 daughter of George D. and Carrie W. Osgood.
 b. January 18, 1893, Claremont, N. H.
 m. (1) March 23, 1912, - by Rev. J. P. Garfield, Maurice Chester Clark, son of Annie L. (Kidder) and Warren H. Clark. d. October 31 1944
 m. (2) July 21, 1950. - by Rev. Lionel A. Whiston, Albert K. Locklin, son of - Ada E. (Gifford) and David F. Locklin, Wrentham, Massachusetts.
 Ch. of Edith (Osgood) and Maurice Clark —
- c-1. Katherine Mary, b. December 29, 1912, Franklin, Mass.
 m. July 18.1936, by Rev. M. A. Shafer, Fred W. Burkell, son of Kathryn (Kramer) and Fred W. Burkell.
 Ch. of Katherine (Clark) and Fred Burkell
 1. Fred W. Jr. b. Dec. 24, 1942
 2. Janet Kathryn, b. June 17, 1945
- c-2. Dorothy Kidder, b. August 30, 1916, Franklin, Mass.
 m. February 8, 1935, by Rev. M. A. Shafer, Raymond A. Harper, son of Bertha (Heywood) and James Harper.
 Ch. of Dorothy (Clark) and Raymond Harper

1. Beverly Ann, b. May 22, 1936, Franklin
2. Raymond Arthur Jr. b. April 16, 1938
3. Judith Carolyn, b. July 14, 1940
4. Jean Dorothy, b. July 22, 1942
5. James Robert, b. Feb. 26, 1945
6. Penelope Edith, April 11, 1948
7. Richard Kervin, December 19, 1952

Judith b in Walpole, N. H. the others in Wrentham, Mass.

- c-3. Richard Maurice, b. March 20, 1918, Wrentham, Mass.
 m. May 11, 1942, by Rev. Samuel Lippencott,
 Eleanor A. (Warren) daughter of Irene (Mac-
 Neill) and Fletcher H. Warren East Provi-
 dence, Rhode Island.

Ch. of Eleanor (Warren) and Richard Clark

1. Richard Warren, b Jan 26, 1944
2. Russ Maurice, b. Feb. 1, 1945
3. Edward Alan, b. Aug. 16, 1946, all in Wrentham,
 Mass.
4. Roberta Eleanor, b. Oct. 6, 1948, N. Deeds, Maine.

TENTH GENERATION (d)

OSGOOD, Grace Dorothy

daughter of George D. and Carrie W. Osgood

b. January 17, 1895

m. June 13, 1913, by Rev. John P. Garfield, Charles Sidney Rich-
 ardson, son of Ella I. (Sturtevant) and Sidney K. Richard-
 son of Cornish, New Hampshire

Ch of Dorothy (Osgood) and Charles Richardson—

Note: Charles and Dorothy Richardson had daughter Isabel, d.
 April 14, 1914, aged 8 days.

d-1. John Sidney, b October 20, 1915, Claremont, N. H.

m. April 6, 1941. Westville, Indiana, Kath-
 ryn M. Johnston, b. July 27, 1918, daughter
 of Audrey (Herrold) and Guy Johnston.

Ch. of John and Kathryn Richardson—

Marsha, b. Oct. 13, 1950, Bennington, Vt.

Record of John Sidney Richardson

Stevens High School, Claremont, N. H. 1933.

Member of Orchestra 1931 to '33

Post Office Employee 2 years and 3 months.

Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army, Serial No. 31111049.

Salina, Kansas 2½ years

Manila, P. I. 6½ months

At close of war entered New England Conservatory of Music

graduating with honors, Class of 1949.

Music Director, Graded School District, Bennington, Vt. 2 years.

Music Director, Needham High School, Marshall T. W. P. Ind. 1952. Resides Bedford, Indiana.

TENTH GENERATION (d2) and (d3)

d-2. Eleanor Carolynn,

daughter of Dorothy (Osgood) and Charles Richardson

b. March 31, 1918. m. May 7, 1944, Claremont, Roland Robert Morin, Pfc., No. 1006309, Marines; son of Delia (Sirois) and Robert Roland Morin of Berlin, N. H.

Stevens High School Class of 1936; active in Orchestra, Chorus and Latin Club.

Keene Normal School, Class of 1939.

Teacher in Cornish, North Charlestown and Sunapee.

Children of Eleanor and Roland Robert Morin—

1. Ronalee Antonia, b. Sept. 7, 1945, Claremont, N. H.

2. Richard Charles, b. Jan. 2, 1948, Berlin, N. H.

3. Carolee Andrea, b. Jan. 2, 1948, Berlin, N. H.

4. David Douglas, b. May 27, 1951

d. 3 Edith Mary,

daughter of Dorothy (Osgood) and Chas. Richardson

b. August 19, 1920, Claremont, N. H.

m. May 19, 1943, Norwich, Vt. Napoleon J. Greenwood, Jr.

son of Matilda (Houle) and N. J. Greenwood, Sr.

Ch of Edith and Napoleon Greenwood—

1. Nancy Jane, b. August 29, 1944 - Claremont, N. H.

2. Barry Douglas, b. May 31, 1947 - Claremont, N. H.

Edith, Stevens High School, Claremont, Class of 1938, active in Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Basket Ball, Home Economics. Telephone operator between school and marriage.

TENTH GENERATION (d-4)

d-4. Joseph Charles

son of Dorothy (Osgood) and Charles Richardson.

b. Dec. 29, 1922

m. Sept. 2, 1950, Gorham, N. H. Virginia (Owens) Daniels daughter of Mona (Coffin) and Wilfrid Owens, and widow of ... Daniels.

Ch. of Virginia (Owens) Daniels—

Barbara, b. April 6, 1947. Adopted by Joseph Richardson.

May 1951, and name changed to Barbara Richardson

Ch of Virginia (Daniels) and Joseph Richardson—

1 Leslie Hope, b. February 13, 1952, E Cleveland, Ohio.

Record of Joseph Charles Richardson—

Stevens High School Class of 1940. Band and Orchestra.

Employed Jones & Lamson, Springfield, Vt.

Enlisted U. S. Navy, serving $3\frac{1}{2}$ years American Samoa.

Mobile Unit No. 3, U. S. Naval Mobile Hospital,

F. F. Murdoch, Captain (MC) U. S. N.

Navy Mail Clerk.

Serial No 666 77 05. Rank- Ph M 2-c

After the war he entered Cleveland Institute of Music as
Student Teacher. Graduate Class of 1952.

BIRTHS

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

ELEVENTH Generation [1]

OSGOOD, George Albert,
son of Joseph and Helen Osgood

11-1. George Albert, first born child of Joseph and Helen Osgood, spent his childhood and first High School year in Claremont, N. H.: Very early in life he showed marked musical ability and by his tenth year was much in demand as a child entertainer on the piano. In 1922 the family removed to Boston, to give him better musical advantages. He studied under a fine teacher, and before he was eighteen was appearing as accompanist for solists. He attended Saugus High School where he was President of his class for two years, graduating with honor, 1926, he composed the class music for the graduation exercises. For two years he played the pipe organ in the First Congregational Church of Saugus. In the fall of 1926 he enrolled in the secretarial course of Bryant & Stratton Business College. January 1, he underwent an appendectomy from which he failed to rally. He died January 7, 1927, and is buried in the Osgood Lot, Pleasant Street Cemetery in Claremont.

11-2. Evelyn Carol Osgood.

daughter of Joseph W. and Helen B. Osgood

b. February 28, 1911, Claremont, N. H.

m. October 11, 1932, at Derry, N. H. John Edwin Luoma, son of Gustav and Tynne Luoma of Braintree, Massachusetts.

Elementary schools of Claremont, N. H. and Saugus, Mass. Springfield Massachusetts High School of Commerce Class of 1929. Studied five years of ballet under Mrs. Pauline Peckham, of Saugus, "Year Girl" each year at the Exhibition.

One year at Mrs. Benjamin F. Butler School of Dancing, Boston, Mass.

Children of Evelyn (Osgood) and John E. Luoma—

William Osgood Luoma, b. August 9, 1933, Claremont, N. H. Saugus High School, Class of 1951.

Helen Marion Luoma, b. July 1, 1935, Claremont, N. H. Saugus High School, Class of 1953.

11-3. William Edwin Osgood

son of Joseph and Helen Osgood.

b. October 24, 1912, Claremont, N. H.

m. October 21, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Francis Messina, daughter of Victorine (D'Atri) and Anthony Messina.

Ch. John Anthony b. September 26, 1952

Saugus, Massachusetts High School, Class of 1931.

Saugus, Post Graduate, Class of 1932.

Entered Claremont, N. H. Post Office, Sub Clerk-Carrier in 1937

Entered United States Army, April 24, 1942.

Basic Training, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Chief Clerk in Post Inspector's Office, Camp Plauche, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2½ years.

Attended Officer's Candidate School at New Orleans Army Air Base, graduating with rank of 2nd Lt.

Stevedore Officer at Everett Washington 10 months.

Troop train Commander returning troops to home base 3 months

Relieved from active duty with reserve commission of 2nd Lt. March 2, 1946.

Returned to Claremont Post Office, assigned to duty in Money Order Department, present status. (1952)

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ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Osgood	William	E.

Army Serial Number
01949 880

Grade
2nd Lt.

Permanent Address
229 Pleasant St. Claremont N. H.

Date of entry into active service
17 Jan 45

Date of Separation
2 March 46

Place of Separation

Separation Center
Fort Lewis, Wash.

Military Occupational Assignments

Months	Grade	Military Occupational Specialty
10	2nd Lt	Stevedore Officer 08C4
3	2nd Lt	Unit Officer, Non-Tactical 2136

Summary of Military Occupations

STEVEDORE OFFICER:

Performed duties of Stevedore Officer at Port of Embarkation in the U. S. Supervised the loading of ammunition on various types of freighters and cargo vessels. Supervised 75 men on the job of loading ammunition on ships and was responsible for proper handling and care of cargo. Also was responsible for checking amounts and locations where cargo was placed.

UNIT OFFICER, NON-TACTICAL:

Was troop train commander and had charge of complete troop

trains. Was responsible for discipline of men on train and responsible for transmittal of records and for general welfare and mess and sanitary conditions of train.

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ELEVENTH GENERATION

11-4. OSGOOD, John Hazen.

son of Joseph and Helen Osgood

b. February 26, 1920, Claremont, N. H.

m. June 13, 1948, Springfield, Vt. Elizabeth M. Sargent b. Sept. 17, daughter of Laura (Eastman) and Ernest Sargent Ch. of John and Elizabeth Osgood

Joseph Albert, b. Dec. 21, 1951.

Stevens High School Claremont, N. H. Class of 1938. Draftsman, Jones & Lamson, Springfield, Vt., five years. Enlisted in U. S. Navy in 1944, from which he received his discharge May 18, 1946, with rate of Electronics Technician Mate 2nd Class, No. 807-11-27 U. S. N. R. Entered University of New Hampshire, September 1948, graduating June 1951, with degree of Mechanical Engineer. Tool Designer (1952) Jones & Lamson, Springfield, Vt.

Military Experience

Basic Training at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Pre-Radio Training, Chicago.

Primary Radio School, U. S. Naval Training Station, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Secondary Radio School, Chicago Navy Pier, graduating as Radio Technician, 3d Class.

From Shoemaker, California, U. S. N. T. A. D. Center, he was sent to Hong Kong, via Okinawa and Shanghai.

Assigned to the U. S. S. Eaton D. D. 510, bound for Hai' Phong, French Indo China, where it escorted ten troopships of Chinese National Troops, with trucks and supplies to Hulutao, Manchuria.

During that trip all food supplies, with the exception of spaghetti, were exhausted, but a supply ship reached them at Hulutao, making possible a Christmas dinner aboard the Eaton which returned to Shanghai, from there to Eniwetok Atoll, thence to Pearl Harbor, and San Diego, Cal. There were no passenger accommodations aboard the Eaton, but 100-soldiers coming home for discharge, gratefully accepted passage home to San Diego.

The homeward route was through Panama Canal to New York, Brooklyn Navy Yard, from thence to Charlestown, S. C. where

the Eaton was de-commissioned and preserved.

It has since been re-commissioned.

TWELFTH Generation

OSGOOD, Joseph Albert.

son of John and Elizabeth (Sargeant) Osgood

b. December 21, 1951, Springfield, Vermont.

OSGOOD, John Anthony

son of William and Frances (Messina) Osgood

b. September 26, 1952, Claremont, N. H.

WHITE FAMILY

First Generation

JOHN WHITE, b. Sept. 18, 1757, Mansfield, Massachusetts

d. Dec. 21, 1846, Nelson, N. H.

m. Lucy Tucker of Mansfield, who was b. 1760,

d. October 14, 1836, Nelson, N. H.

Children:

1. Jesse, m. Nancy Ayre.

2. John Jr. b. October 24, 1782, Nelson, N. H.

d. September 26, 1866, Claremont, N. H.

m. December 5, 1807, Esther Wheeler who was b.

January 15, 1781. d. Aug. 29, 1866, Claremont N. H.

3. Lucy, b. February 6, 1785 d. April 6, 1865 m. prior to 1808,

Amos Stoddard of Nelson, N. H. b. August 22, 1783

d. August 22, 1869

4. Polly, b. 1791 d. 1865 m Josiah Robbind

5. Issac, b. March 20, 1791, Nelson, N. H. d. May 2, 1861 m.

May 18, 1830, Augusta Eveleth of Dublin, N. H.

b. April 21, 1806. d. May 7, 1875.

6. Rachel, m. Ingalls Sawyer

7. Lois, m. (1) - Battles (2) Thomas Dodge of Bennning, N. H.

Note: Military Record of John White, Mansfield, Mass. in Mass-

achusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Vol.

17, pp. 87 - 88.

8. Nancy, m. Deacon Isaac Baldwin of Antrim, N. H.

9. Jonas, b. May 30. 1802, Nelson, N. H. d. April 6, 1878

m. October 1824, Margaret Clark who was b. March

11, 1802, Potsdam, N. Y. d. July 11, 1894.

They lived Brandon, Vt. Washington, N. H., Antrim, N. H.

Second Generation

JOHN WHITE Jr. b. October 24, 1782 (as above recorded)
d. August 29, 1866

Children:

1. Abial, b. April 30, 1809, Roxbury, N. H. d. July 3, 1886
m. Elsie Case who was b. February 8, 1812 d. April 4, 1895
2. Jesse b. May 25, 1810, Roxbury, N. H. d. young.
3. Almira, b. Nov. 24, 1812 d. January 9, 1886 m. December
3, 1838, William Case who d. Claremont, Sept. 17, 1854
4. Relief, b. September 21, 1814, Roxbury, N. H. d. August 9,
1906 m. May 23, 1837, Lemuel Dole who was b.
October 20, 1814 Claremont, N. H. d. Oct. 23, 1900

They had seven sons and seven daughters.

5. LYMAN, b. July 23, 1818, Roxbury, N. H. (see Warner)
m. Pamela Graham Warner
m. (2) Mary Chase Hurd.
6. Lura, b. August 6, 1820, d. 1896. Nelson, N. H.
7. Jonas, b. November 11, 1882, Nelson, N. H.
m. and removed to Worcester, Massachusetts.

FIELD FAMILY

1. Roger Del Feld, b. about 1240, Sowerby, England.
2. Thomas Del Feld, b. 1278, " "
3. John Del Feld, b. 1300, " "
4. Thomas Del Feld, b. 1330, " "
5. Thomas Del Feld, 1360; m. Isabel—
6. William Felde, b. Bradford, England. d. April 1480; m.
Katherine
7. William Feld. m. Elizabeth.
8. Richard Feld, b. East Ardesley, England m. Elizabeth.
9. John Felde, b. 1525, East Ardesley, England
10. William Fie'd, b. Ardesley, England.
11. Hon. John Field, b. Thurnscoe, England d. Providence, R. I.
12. John Fielde, b. 1615, Providence, R. I. d. 1698, Bridgewater,
Mass. m. Elizabeth Everden
13. Richard Field, b. May 17, 1677 m. Jan. 17, 1714, Susanna
Waldo
14. Jabez Field, b. Sept. 27, 1713. Bridgewater, Mass m. Feb.
25, 1745, Mary Fobes.
15. Richard Field, b. July 21, 1751, Bridgewater, Mass.
d. Dec. 18 1804, Claremont, N. H. m. Aug.
8, 1778, Rebecca Harris who d. Jan. 12, 1831
Susanna, 6th child of Richard and Rebecca (Harris) Field
b. Dec. 4, 1788. m. William Osgood of Newport,
N. H. son of William and Priscilla (Stone) Osgood

Note: (see Osgood, 7th generation.)

The Secretary of the State of Massachusetts gives 17 variations of the name Field as found on old records.

Military Service of Richard Field of Bridgewater, Mass., is given in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol. 5 p. 654.

STONE FAMILY

1. Deacon Simon Stone, son of David and Ursula Stone, grandson of Simon and Agnes Stone.

b. Feb. 9, 1585-6, Much Bromley, County of Essex, England.

m. August 5, 1616, (1) Joanna Clark, daughter of William Clark
(2) Sarah Lampkin, of Ipswich, Mass.

Settled in Watertown. Embarked at Condon, England, April 15, 1635, in ship Increase, Robert Lea Master.

Ref: Bond's History of Watertown, p. 584.)

2. Deacon Simon Stone, b. 1631; d. Feb. 27, 1708. m. Mary Whipple.

Note: Deacons in that era were elected for life. There was a Deacon Simon Stone in the church at Watertown continuously for 75 years.

3. Hon. Ebenezer Stone, b. July 1, 1690.

m. (1) Margaret Trowbridge

(2) Abigail Wilson

(3) Sarah Livermore

4. Samuel Stone, b. July 1, 1690; d. Aug. 30, 1726

m. (1) Hannah Searle

(2) Mary Haven

5. Matthias Stone, b. October 21, 1723, Watertown, Mass.

m. November 16, 1749, Susanna Chadwick of Worcester, Mass.

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Removed to Claremont, N. H. in 1770. Influential citizen; Moderator and Selectman 1774. 2nd child, Priscilla, m. William Osgood, son of William and Hepsibath (Dunton) Osgood.

Note: (see Osgood, 6th generation)

FULLER FAMILY

1. Dr. Samuel Fuller, Physician on the Mayflower.

b. 1568; d. 1633. Two children by 3d wife.

2. Rev. Samuel Fuller, Middleboro, Massachusetts.

b. 1629; d. 1694. Seven children.

3. Dr. Isaac Fuller, Physician, Middleboro, Mass.

- b. 1677: d. 1727. Seven children.
4. Dr. Jabez Fuller, Medfield, Mass.
b. 1723: d. 1781. Nine children.
 5. Dr. Jonathan Fuller, Middleboro, Mass.
b. 1748: d. 1802. Ten children.
 6. Jabez Fuller, Perkinsville, Vermont.
b. 1791: d. 1873. Seven children.
 7. Anna Fuller, Perkinsville, Vt.
b. 1836: d. 1904: m. J. M. Billings, b 1818: b. 1901.
Three children.
 8. Albert T. Billings, son of Anna (Fuller) and J. M. Billings
b. August 22, 1859: d. March 11, 1946. m. Clara M. Grout.
Five children.
 9. Helen Sarah Billings, grand-daughter of Anna (Fuller)
b. January 12, 1886: m. Joseph Warner Osgood.
Four children. (see Osgood 10th generation)

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